

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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in the fourth line, change the words "fifteen thousand" to 'twenty-two thousand five hundred,' so that said sections shall read as follows:

'SECT. 1. That, for the support of the three normal schools established by the state, namely, the western normal school at Farmington, the eastern normal school at Castine, and the western normal school at Gorham, the sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby annually appropriated, the same to be expended under the direction of the normal school trustees, as required by act of legislature, chapter one hundred and fourteen, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.'

Annual appropriation for normal schools.

—how expended.

'SECT. 2. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized and directed to deduct from any of the school moneys raised for the support of common schools in the state, the sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars for the purposes indicated in this act.'

Treasurer of state authorized to deduct amount from school fund.

Approved February 21, 1878.

Chapter 70.

An act to provide suitable means of egress from Buildings used for assemblages of Citizens.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The mayors and aldermen of cities and the selectmen of towns are hereby authorized and empowered to determine whether or not any hall or building, now erected or hereafter to be erected, and used for the assemblages of citizens, is provided with suitable facilities of egress in case of fire or other casualty.

Municipal officers to determine whether public buildings are provided with suitable means of egress.

SECT. 2. Upon complaint in writing made by one or more citizens to the mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, stating that a building or hall, and describing the same, used for assemblages of citizens, is not provided with sufficient facilities of egress in case of fire or other casualty, the said mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, shall assign a day and place of hearing upon said complaint, and give to the owner or owners of said hall or building at least seven days' written notice thereof; and at the time and place appointed, shall

Citizens may make complaint.

Officers to assign day for hearing.

CHAP. 71.

May view the premises.

—to determine what, if any, additional facilities are necessary.

—proceedings.

—may forbid use of building.

—penalty for violation of order.

meet and hear the party or parties in interest, and receive all evidence relating to said complaint and the subject thereof, and may view the premises; and thereupon said mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, shall decide and determine upon the sufficiency of the means of egress from said hall or building, and what, if any, additional facilities therefor are necessary; and if they shall find that there is an insufficiency of facilities of egress from said building or hall, and shall so decide, they shall notify the owner or owners thereof of said decision; and said mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, may forbid the use of said building or hall for assemblages of citizens until such additional facilities of egress as they shall have found necessary shall have been furnished; and if the owner or owners of said building or hall shall let or use the same in violation of the order of the said mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, so as above made, said owner or owners shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, to be recovered in an action of debt to the use of said city or town.

Approved February 21, 1878.

Chapter 71.

An act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of Courts for the County of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Salary established.

Additional for clerk hire.

Fees to be paid to county treasurer.

Deputy.

SECT. 1. The clerk of courts of Penobscot county shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and an additional annual allowance of eight hundred dollars for clerk hire. Said sums shall be in full compensation for the performance of all duties required of him by law, including those performed by him as clerk of the county commissioners, or by a clerk pro tempore appointed by him under section seven of chapter seventy-eight. He shall render an account of all fees of office as required by law, be responsible for the same whether received or not, and pay the whole amount to the treasurer of the county for the use thereof. One clerk employed by him shall be known as deputy clerk, and sworn