

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.
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'SECT. 1. A town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, may determine the number and limits of the school districts therein, but they shall not be altered, discontinued or annexed to others, except on the written recommendation of the municipal officers and superintending school committee, accompanied by a statement of facts, and on conditions proper to preserve the rights and obligations of the inhabitants; but when in the judgment of the board, consisting of the municipal officers and superintending school committee or supervisor, the number of scholars in any district becomes too few for the profitable expenditure of the money apportioned to said district, said board may suspend the school in said district and cause the money to be expended, for the benefit of the scholars in said district, in the adjoining district or districts. Said board shall make a record of its decision in relation to the school in said district, sign the same and cause it to be recorded by the town clerk, and such decision shall remain in full force until annulled by vote of the town, or by the action of a subsequent board. Said board may reserve not more than one-half of the money appropriated to such districts, to be expended, in their discretion, for the conveyance of children of such districts to and from school.'

CHAP. 182

Towns may determine the number and limits of school districts.

School in a district may be suspended.

How part of money may be used.

Approved February 24, 1880.

Chapter 182.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, relating to Auctioneers.

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

Chapter one hundred and thirteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby amended, by adding, after the word "sold," in the third line of section ten, the words 'which shall be produced unless said municipal officers shall decide that the same is unnecessary,' so that when amended the same shall read:

Ch. 113, public laws 1879, amended.

'SECT. 10. The municipal officers of any city or town in this state, may grant, upon presentation of an invoice or inventory of the property to be sold, which shall be produced

Municipal officers may grant licenses to auctioneers.

CHAP. 183 unless said municipal officers shall decide that the same is unnecessary, a special license to any auctioneer, a legal voter in this state, to sell at public auction, between the hours of seven A. M. and six P. M., upon the payment of five dollars for each and every invoice or inventory; the above license fee to go to the use of said city or town.'

Fee.

Approved February 24, 1880.

Chapter 183.

An act additional to chapter sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes concerning Minors and Guardians.

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

Sec. 31, ch. 67,
R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section thirty-one of chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Legal effect of
adoption of child.

'SECT. 31. By such decree the natural parents shall be divested of all legal rights in respect to such child, and he shall be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance in respect to them; and he shall be, for the custody of the person and all rights of inheritance, obedience and maintenance, to all intents and purposes, the child of his adopters, the same as if born to them in lawful wedlock, except that he shall not inherit property expressly limited to the heirs of the body of the adopters, nor property from their lineal or collateral kindred by right of representation, and provided that the right of inheritance shall only apply in adoptions hereafter made, and where not otherwise expressly provided in the decree of adoption; and the adoption of a child, already or hereafter made in any other state, according to the laws of that state, shall have the same force and effect in this state, as to inheritance and all other rights and duties, as it had in the state where made, in case the person adopting hereafter dies domiciled in this state.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1880.