

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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by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison not more than two years.

SECT. 3. Any tramp who shall willfully and maliciously do any injury to any person, or to the real or personal estate of another, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison not more than five years.

Malicious injury to person or property, punishment for.

SECT. 4. Any act of beggary or vagrancy by any person not a resident of this state, shall be evidence that the person committing the same is a tramp, within the meaning of this act.

Beggary or vagrancy by non-resident, evidence that the person is a tramp.

SECT. 5. Any person, upon view of any offense described in this act, may apprehend the offender and take him before a trial justice, or judge of any municipal or police court having jurisdiction, for examination.

Apprehension and examination.

SECT. 6. The mayor of every city and the selectmen of every town, are hereby authorized to appoint special constables, whose duty it shall be to arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective cities and towns.

Municipal officers may appoint special constables. —duty.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to any female or minor under the age of fourteen years, nor to any blind person.

Act not to apply to certain persons.

SECT. 8. Upon the passage and approval of this act, the secretary of state shall cause printed copies of it to be sent to the several city and town clerks, who shall cause the same to be posted in at least, six conspicuous places, three of which shall be on the public highway.

Secretary of state to distribute copies.

Clerks to post same in conspicuous places.

SECT. 9. All the provisions of this act for penalties and punishments by imprisonment in the state prison, shall be construed to authorize the courts imposing the sentence, to sentence tramps to the state prison for a shorter term than one year, in their discretion.

Tramps may be imprisoned in state prison for term less than one year.

Approved March 13, 1880.

Chapter 214.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and seventeen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, relating to suits involving Tax Titles.

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

Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Ch. 117, public laws 1879, amended.

CHAP. 215

Contestant of validity of sale of land for taxes, must deposit amount of taxes, etc., with clerk of court.

'No person contesting the validity of any sale of land for non-payment of taxes, shall be permitted to commence, maintain or defend any action at law or in equity, involving the validity of such sale, until he shall have deposited with the clerk of the court in which such action is to be commenced or defended, the amount of all taxes, interest and costs accruing under such sale, and of all taxes paid after such sale, and interest thereon, to be paid out by order of court to the party legally and equitably entitled thereto.'

Approved March 15, 1880.

Chapter 215.

An act giving Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum jurisdiction throughout the State.

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

Justices of peace and quorum to be commissioned for the State.

—duties and powers extended.

Justices of the peace and of the quorum shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to act within and for each and every county throughout the state. All duties and powers now granted by law to, and exercised by, justices of the peace and of the quorum, shall be exercised by them in each and every county in the state.

Approved March 15, 1880.

Chapter 216.

An act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company for the City of Bangor.

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

Corporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 1. Thomas N. Egery, Nathan C. Ayer, Franklin A. Wilson, Moses Giddings, George Varney, N. Gilbert Higgins, Eugene M. Hersey, Charles F. Woodard, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Steam Heating and Power Company for the City of Bangor, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the necessary powers and privileges to