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OF THE  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 25.****CHAP. 25.**

An act to amend section twelve, chapter forty-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Meridian Lines.

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

Section twelve of chapter forty-three of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "county," in the second line, the words "within two years from the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and within six months after the formation of a new county;" and by inserting after the word "erect," in the fourth line of said section, the words 'and forever maintain;' and by inserting after the word "their," in the same line, the word 'several;' and by striking out, after the word "counties," in said fourth line, the words "on land owned by the county or for that purpose acquired by them;" and by striking out, in the ninth line of said section, after the word "shall," the words "and enclose;" so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 12, ch. 43,  
R. S., amended.

'SECT. 12. The county commissioners, at the expense of their county, shall erect and forever maintain, in their several counties, at such place or places as the public convenience requires, a true meridian line, to be perpetuated by stone pillars with brass or copper points firmly fixed on the tops thereof, indicating the true range of such meridian, and shall protect the same, and provide a book of records to be kept by the clerk of the courts, or by a person appointed by them nearer to such structure, and accessible to all persons wishing to refer thereto.'

County commis-  
sioners to erect  
and maintain  
meridian line.

—record to be  
kept by clerk of  
courts.

Section sixteen of chapter forty-three aforesaid is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "meridian," in the first line of said section, the words "is so established," and inserting in place thereof the words 'or meridians are established, repaired or rebuilt,' so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 16, ch. 43,  
amended.

'SECT. 16. When such meridian or meridians are established, repaired or rebuilt in any county, the governor and council shall appoint a competent commissioner to inspect and verify it by astronomical observations, who shall make a report of his doings, with an accurate description of such structure, its latitude and longitude and the declination of

A commissioner  
to be appointed  
to verify meri-  
dians and make  
report.

CHAP. 26. the needle at the time, and deposit a record thereof with the  
 Compensation. clerk of the courts for such county, and shall be entitled to  
 such just compensation for his services as the governor and  
 council may allow.'

Approved February 26, 1881.

### Chapter 26.

An act additional relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine.

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

The judge of any  
 court of insol-  
 vency may com-  
 pel attendance of  
 witnesses and  
 take testimony to  
 be used in an-  
 other court.

The judge of any court of insolvency shall have the same  
 power to compel the attendance and take the examination of  
 witnesses residing in his county, on application made to him  
 by any person interested, as the judge of the court of insol-  
 vency in the county where the proceedings are pending ; and  
 such witnesses shall attend and testify in relation to the insol-  
 vent estate and the dealings of the insolvent, and the testi-  
 mony shall be reduced to writing and filed in the court of  
 insolvency where the proceedings in insolvency are pending.

Approved February 26, 1881.

### Chapter 27.

An act declaring Women eligible to certain school offices.

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

Sex shall not  
 render persons  
 ineligible to  
 certain offices.

SECT. 1. No person shall be ineligible to the office of  
 supervisor of schools, or of superintending school committee,  
 on account of sex.

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

Approved February 26, 1881.