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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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## CHAP. 128

Compensation,  
and how paid.

such committee to the governor and council, and said report shall be entered on the records of the governor and council and filed in the office of the secretary of state. The compensation of said committee shall be fixed by the governor and council and paid from the contingent fund of the governor and council; and said committee may consist wholly or in part, of members of said council.

Approved February 15, 1883.

### Chapter 128.

An Act authorizing the Land Agent to execute in behalf of the State, release deeds in certain cases.

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

Land agent au-  
thorized to give  
release deeds in  
certain cases.

The land agent is hereby authorized and empowered to give release deeds in behalf of the state, in cases where conditional deeds have been given and the records in the land office show that the conditions have been fully complied with.

Approved February 15, 1883.

### Chapter 129.

An Act to facilitate the preparation and issue of the annual report of the State Superintendent of Schools.

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

Sec. 8, ch. 124,  
public laws 1873,  
as amended by  
ch. 229, public  
laws of 1880,  
further amended.

SECT. 1. Section eight of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An Act in aid of Free High Schools," as amended by chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, is further amended by substituting for the word "December," in the third line thereof, the word 'June,' so that said section shall read as follows :

S. S. committee  
to make annual  
returns.

'SECT. 8. The superintending school committee or committees having the supervision of any free high school or schools shall annually, before the first day of June, make returns under oath to the superintendent of common schools,

on blanks prepared and sent out by him, of the amount appropriated, and also the amount expended by each town or school district for instruction in such free high school or schools during the current year; also of the amount appropriated and the amount expended for common school purposes by each town or school district maintaining such free high school or schools; the number of weeks which such school or schools have been taught; the wages paid each teacher; the number of pupils registered; the average attendance; the number of pupils in each branch of study pursued and the amount received for tuition. If the superintendent of common schools shall be satisfied that the provisions of this act have been complied with, he shall certify to the governor and council the sum which each town or district is entitled to receive from the state under this chapter. If any town or district is dissatisfied with the decision of the superintendent of common schools, such town or district may appeal to the governor and council. The governor and council shall issue a certificate to the treasurer of the town or agent of the district for such amount as they may adjudge such town or district is entitled to receive from the state treasury. Any person or persons connected with the management of such free high schools, either as teacher, school agent, school committee or supervisor, who shall in any way aid or abet in defrauding the state into the payment in support of said schools of more than is contemplated by the spirit and tenor of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one year.'

Superintendent of common schools to make awards.

—appeal.

Governor and council to certify amount to treasurer.

Penalty for defrauding state.

SECT. 2. Section ninety-two of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'SECT. 92. The treasurer shall immediately after the first day of July, apportion to the towns all state school funds for the year according to the list of children furnished by the superintendent of common schools, as provided in section seventy-four. The number of scholars belonging to a town from which either the school committee or the municipal authorities thereof have failed to make the returns required by law, shall be reckoned by taking the number used as the basis of the last apportionment and deducting all scholars set off to other towns or incorporated into a new town within a

Treasurer of state to apportion school funds.

Basis when returns are not made.

## CHAP. 130

Not to be paid until return is made.

year, and one-tenth of the remainder, and the residue shall be the basis of a new apportionment. Immediately after making the apportionment, the treasurer shall notify each town of its proportion, which shall not be paid to any town until its returns are made to the superintendent of common schools.'

Approved February 17, 1883.

### Chapter 130.

An Act relating to fines and penalties recovered for violation of the fish and game laws.

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

Fines recovered for violation of fish and game laws, how disposed of.

SECT. 1. All fines and penalties hereafter recovered for the violation of chapters fifty and seventy-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and all acts amendatory thereof, and of all laws now in force in this state for the protection of fish and game, shall be paid one-half to the complainant and one-half to any game and fish protective society or other sportsmen's association, which shall have been organized under the laws of Maine, and which may be located in the county where the said fines and penalties are recovered; *provided*, the said society or association shall expend the same in the propagation and cultivation of trout and salmon for the fresh water lakes and ponds of Maine, to be done under the direction and supervision of the fish commissioners. In case there may be more than one such society or association located in the county where said fines and penalties are recovered, the fish commissioners shall designate which society the money shall be paid to, or they may cause the same to be divided between them. If there is no such society or association in the county where such fines and penalties are recovered, then such fines and penalties shall be paid to the state fish commissioners, who shall appropriate the same as they may deem proper.

Proviso.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 17, 1883.