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OF THE

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Chapter 186.

An Act 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, as amended by chapter twenty-five of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "shall" before the word "erect" in the second line of section twelve, in said chapter twenty-five, of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and inserting instead thereof, the words, 'may, if they see fit;,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 12, ch. 43, R. S., as amended by ch. 25, public laws 1881, further amended.

'SECT. 12. The county commissioners, at the expense of their county, may, if they see fit, 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 commissioners to erect and maintain meridian line.

—record to be kept by clerk of courts.

Approved March 10, 1883.

Chapter 187.

An Act to amend item fifth of section twenty-four of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers and obligations of school districts, as amended by chapter twenty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

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

Item fifth of section twenty-four of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter twenty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, is hereby amended by adding to said item the following words, 'but in towns or cities that have abolished the district system, the school committee or supervisor shall determine the time of the commencement and duration of the schools in said towns or cities,' so that said item, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 24, ch. 11, R. S., as amended by ch. 24, public laws 1881, further amended.

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School districts to instruct committee or supervisor when schools shall begin, etc.

When school districts have been abolished, supervisor or committee to determine.

'Fifth. To instruct the superintending school committee or supervisor at what time the schools shall commence, and the schools shall commence and continue as voted by the district, unless, in the opinion of the superintending school committee or supervisor, it would be detrimental to the best interests of the district on account of any contagious disease, or other good reason; but in towns or cities that have abolished the district system, the school committee, or supervisor, shall determine the time of the commencement and duration of the schools in said towns or cities.'

Approved March 10, 1883.

Chapter 188.

An Act to amend sections one and three of chapter seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, relating to pauper settlements of inmates of the Soldiers' Home at Togus.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 7, public laws 1875, amended.

SECT. 1. Section one of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Pauper settlement of inmates of national home at Togus, established.

'SECT. 1. All persons who now are or may hereafter become inmates of the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers, at Togus, in the county of Kennebec, or subject to the rules and regulations thereof, or shall receive rations therefrom, shall have their pauper settlement in the respective towns in which they had a legal settlement when their connection with said National Home commenced, so long as such connection shall continue therewith.'

Sec. 3 amended.

SECT. 2. Section three of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Towns furnishing relief to paupers shall be reimbursed by the state.

'SECT. 3. If any town shall furnish relief to any such person, or his family, who shall become a pauper after his connection with said National Home shall cease, having no legal settlement in this state, the state shall reimburse such town for the relief furnished, to such an amount as the governor and council shall adjudge to have been necessarily expended therefor.'

Approved March 10, 1883.