

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

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## CHAP. 213

party to the clerk of the court; and on such application, the clerk shall enter a final decree, unless the court has for sufficient cause, on application of any party interested, otherwise ordered.

Party granted divorce, shall not marry within two years, except by permission of court.

SECT. 4. After a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, the party on whose petition the divorce was granted, shall not marry again within two years after the entry of the final decree, except on permission granted by the court. The party against whom the divorce was granted, shall not marry again within two years from the entry of said decree, and not afterwards except on permission granted by the court.

Libelee shall not marry again within two years, nor after, except by permission of court.

Clerks of court to make return to secretary of state, all applications and decrees.

SECT. 5. Within thirty days after the adjournment of any court having jurisdiction of divorce, the clerk thereof shall make return to the secretary of state of the applications and decrees nisi for the term, in cases of divorce, with the names of the parties and the causes for which the divorces were granted. And the secretary of state shall record the same in a book kept for that purpose.

Act not to apply to any libel now pending.

SECT. 6. The provisions of this bill shall not apply to any libel now pending.

Approved March 13, 1883.

## Chapter 213.

An Act providing for the taxation of Telephone Companies.

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

Telephone companies to pay annual tax.

SECT. 1. Every telephone corporation, company or person doing business within the limits of this state, shall annually pay into the state treasury, a tax of two and one-half per cent on the value of any telephone line owned by said corporation, company or person, within the limits of this state, including all poles, wires, insulators, transmitters, telephones, batteries, instruments, telephonic apparatus, office furniture, and any circumstances or conditions which affect the value of the property.

Returns to be made to secretary of state.

SECT. 2. Every such corporation, company or person shall annually, on or before the fifteenth day of April, return to the secretary of state, under the oath of its superintendent,

the amount and value of all the property enumerated in section one, owned by it within the limits aforesaid, on the first day of April annually, and the governor and council shall determine said values and assess said tax thereon on or before the first day of May annually. The secretary of state shall thereupon certify said assessment to the state treasurer, who shall forthwith notify the several parties assessed thereof. Said tax shall be paid into the treasury on or before the first day of September annually, and shall be in lieu of all state or municipal taxation on any property or shares of said corporations, companies or person.

Governor and council to assess tax.

Secretary of state to certify tax to treasurer of state.

—when to be paid.

SECT. 3. Any corporation, company or person, neglecting to make the returns required by this act, shall forfeit twenty-five dollars per day for every days' neglect so to do, to be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the state; and the governor and council shall proceed to make said assessment on such valuation as they think just with such evidence as they may be able to obtain, and such assessment shall be final. And if any corporation, company or person fails to pay the tax required by this act, the state treasurer may forthwith commence an action of debt, in the name of the state, for the recovery of the same with interest.

Proceedings in case of failure to make return and pay tax.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 14, 1883.

### Chapter 214.

An Act amendatory of and in addition to chapter seventy-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled, "An Act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine," and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof.

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

SECT. 1. In all cases of proceedings for composition, where a debt arises on a bill of exchange or promissory note, if the debtor shall be ignorant of the holder of any such bill of exchange or promissory note, he shall be required to state the amount of such bill or note, the date on which it falls due, the name of the acceptor, and of the person to whom it is payable, and any other particulars within his knowledge

In proceedings for composition when debtor is ignorant of the holder of note, etc., he shall give full description of the debt.