

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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the eighth line thereof, so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

‘SECT. 2. The county commissioners may license for the purposes aforesaid, any person who satisfies them that he sustains a good moral character and has been for five years a citizen of the United States; such licenses expire in one year from their date, and are not transferable; and the licensee shall pay therefor, if he is to offer to sell by retail, ten dollars, if by wholesale, twenty-five dollars; but soldiers of the state, disabled in the recent war of the rebellion, shall have their licenses free.’

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County commissioners may license, and whom; what to be paid therefor; disabled soldiers licensed free.

Approved March 10, 1887.

### Chapter 79.

An Act to establish Arbor Day.

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

SECT. 1. That the governor shall annually set apart a day in the spring as Arbor Day, and shall issue a proclamation recommending that it be observed by the people of this state in the planting of trees, shrubs and vines, in the adornment of public and private grounds, places and ways, and in such other efforts and undertakings as shall be in harmony with the general character of a day so established.

Arbor day, established.

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

Approved March 10, 1887.

### Chapter 80.

An Act additional to and amendatory of section eighty-two of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the collection of highway taxes on lands in unincorporated places.

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

SECT. 1. Section two of chapter six of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: ‘in addition to the method now provided in this section for the collection of highway taxes assessed for the purposes named therein, the county commissioners of any county, may, in writing, at any time subsequent to that when the lands so as-

Sec. 2, ch. 6, R. S., amended.

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essed might be sold for non-payment of the taxes assessed thereon, direct the treasurer of such county to commence an action of debt in the name of the inhabitants of said county, against the party liable to pay such taxes; but no such defendant shall be liable for any costs of suit in such action, unless it appears by the declaration and proof that payment of said tax had been duly demanded by said treasurer before the suit was commenced,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Proceedings if  
owner fails to  
discharge his  
assessments.

'SECT. 82. If any owner fails to pay the sum so assessed on his land, for the expenses of making and opening such new roads, within two months from the time fixed therefor as provided in section seventy-nine, or fails within two months after the fifteenth day of each June, to pay his assessment for repairing roads, as provided in the two preceding sections, the county treasurer shall proceed to sell the lands so assessed, by advertising the lists of unpaid taxes, with the date of assessment and the time and place of sale, in the state paper, and in some paper, if any, printed in the county where the lands lie, three weeks successively, the last publication to be at least thirty days before the time of sale. No bid shall be received at such sale for less than the amount due for the tax, costs and interest at twenty per cent a year from the time prescribed for the payment of said tax; and the treasurer shall sell so much of said land as is necessary to pay the unpaid tax, costs and interest as aforesaid, and give a deed thereof to the purchaser, if any; and if no one becomes a purchaser at such sale it shall be forfeited to the county; and such owner or part owner or tenant in common, may redeem his interest therein at any time within two years from the sale or forfeiture, by paying to the purchaser or the county the sum for which it was sold or forfeited, with interest at twenty per cent a year, and any sums subsequently paid for state and county taxes thereon. Any owner of lands so sold, shall receive his share in any overplus of the proceeds of such sale, on exhibiting to the treasurer satisfactory evidence of his title. In addition to the method now provided in this section for the collection of highway taxes assessed for the purposes named therein, the county commissioners of any county may, in writing, at any time subsequent to that when the lands so assessed might be sold for non-payment of the taxes assessed thereon, direct the treasurer of such county to commence an

action of debt in the name of the inhabitants of said county, against the party liable to pay such taxes. But no such defendant shall be liable for any costs of suit in such action unless it appears by the declaration and proof, that payment of said tax had been duly demanded by said treasurer before the suit was commenced.'

SECT. 2. This act shall not apply to taxes already assessed.

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

Shall not apply to taxes already assessed.

Approved March 10, 1887.

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### Chapter 81.

An Act to amend section five of chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to location of highways.

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

SECT. 1. Section five of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended in line four by striking out the words "when or before," and substituting therefor the words, 'and at any time on or before the third day thereof, if no appeal from the location be taken,' and adding at the end of said section the words following: 'But if an appeal from the location be taken in accordance with section forty-eight, then notice of appeal on damages may be filed with the clerk of the county commissioners within sixty days after the final decision of the appellate court in favor of such way has been certified to him, to the supreme judicial court first held in the county where the land is situated, more than thirty days after such notice of appeal is filed, which court shall determine the same in the same manner as is provided in section eight as amended by the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, chapter three hundred and fifty-nine, section three, when no appeal on location is taken,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 5, ch. 18, R. S., amended.

SECT. 5. Their return, made at their next regular session after the hearing, shall be placed on file, and remain in the custody of their clerk for inspection without record. The case shall be continued to their next regular term, and at any time on or before the third day thereof, if no appeal from the location be taken, all persons aggrieved by their estimate of

Return to be filed with clerk.

--proceedings.