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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAP. 201

**Chapter 201.**

An Act to provide for the better protection of Public Records.

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

Cities and towns may provide safes and vaults.

Sect. 1. In cities and towns of more than thirteen hundred inhabitants, the municipal officers shall provide, at the expense of their respective cities and towns, fire proof safes or vaults of ample size for the reception and preservation of all completed books of record and registry belonging to such cities and towns; and upon the completion of each of such books of record and registry, it shall be, by the clerk of such city or town, deposited in such safe or vault and there kept at all times, except when it is required for use.

Clerks shall make return to supreme judicial court, of books of record and registry.

Sect. 2. The clerks of all cities and towns shall, in the month of December in each year, make a return to the clerks of the supreme judicial courts in the several counties, showing the number and nature of such books of record and registry as are in their custody, and where they are kept and deposited; said return shall also show where the books of the municipal officers and treasurer are kept and deposited.

Penalty for neglect.

Sect. 3. Any city or town which neglects to perform the duties prescribed by section one of this act shall forfeit for each month so neglecting, the sum of ten dollars, one-half to the complainant and one-half to the county in which such city or town is located.

When act shall take effect.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved February 24, 1897.

**Chapter 202.**

An Act to permit Inland Game to be taken for park purposes in this State.

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

Commissioners may grant permission to take game and birds for park purposes.

Sect. 1. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game are authorized to grant permission to take moose, caribou, deer and birds for park purposes in this state, under such rules and regulations and conditions as they shall establish.

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

Approved February 24, 1897.