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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poor house, any such dependent soldier or sailor or his family; the word 'family' here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support, who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of his settlement shall support them at his own home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other than the poor house, as the overseers of the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. In case of a violation of this act the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow them to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars per day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his settlement, as herein provided.'

—definition of the word 'family.'

Shall not be supported in the poor house.

—penalty for violation.

—may be removed to town of settlement.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 251.

An Act to amend Section five of Chapter one hundred of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relative to Camp Fires.

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

Section five of chapter one hundred of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one is hereby amended by striking out the following words: "Any person who shall build a camp or cooking fire in or adjoining any woods in this state, shall, before leaving such camp, totally extinguish such fire," and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'whoever by himself, or by his servant, agent or guide, or as the servant, agent or guide of any other person, shall build a camp, cooking or other fire, or uses an abandoned camp, cooking or other fire, in or adjacent to any woods in this state, shall, before leaving such fire, totally extinguish the same;' also by striking out the words "not exceeding one hundred," and inserting in place thereof

Section 5, chapter 100, public laws, 1891, amended.

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the words, 'of fifty,' and also by adding thereto the words, 'one half of any fine imposed and collected under this section shall be paid to the complainant,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Penalty for not extinguishing camp, cooking or other fires in any or adjacent woods.

'Section 5. Whoever by himself, or by his servant, agent, or guide, or as the servant, agent, or guide of any other person, shall build a camp, cooking, or other fire, or use an abandoned camp, cooking or other fire in or adjacent to any woods in this state, shall, before leaving such fire, totally extinguish the same, and upon failure to do so such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars, provided that such fires built upon the sea beach in such situation that they cannot spread into forest wood or cultivated lands or meadows, shall not be construed as prohibited by this act. One-half of any fine imposed and collected under this section shall be paid to the complainant.'

—exceptions.

—fines, how disposed of.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 252.

An Act to amend Section fourteen of Chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to Criminal Proceedings in Court.

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

Section 14, chapter 134, R. S., amended.

Section fourteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out of said section all after the word "counsel" in the eleventh line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'and reasonable compensation for the services of counsel shall be allowed by the court, to be paid out of the county treasury,' so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

Persons indicted for felony shall be furnished with copy of indictment.

—witnesses to be summoned at state's expense.

Counsel to be assigned in capital cases.

—reasonable compensation to be allowed.

'Section 14. The clerk shall, without charge, furnish to every person indicted for a crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, a copy of the indictment; if for a crime punishable by death or imprisonment for life, he shall also furnish a list of the jurors returned, and process to obtain witnesses, to be summoned and paid at the expense of the state; if for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of years, witnesses shall be summoned and paid at the expense of the state only at the discretion of the court. Competent counsel shall be assigned by the court in capital cases, when it appears that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel; and reasonable compensation for the services of counsel shall be allowed by the court, to be paid out of the county treasury.'

Approved March 21, 1901.