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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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grade of any city, town, or county road said alterations shall be made at the sole expense of said corporation with the assent and in accordance with the directions of said municipal officers. The said corporation may at any time appeal from the decision of said municipal officers determining the form and manner of the construction and maintenance of its railroad and the kind of rail to be used to the board of railroad commissioners who shall upon notice hear the parties and finally determine the questions raised by said appeal.'

Section 2. Section fifteen of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight of the public laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'Any street railway company may appeal from the decision of such municipal officers making any regulation under this section to the board of railroad commissioners who shall upon notice hear the parties and finally determine the questions raised by said appeal,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 15. The municipal officers of any town shall have power at all times to make all such regulations as to the mode or use of tracks of any street railway, the rate of speed and the removal and disposal of snow and ice from the streets, roads and ways by any street railway company as the public safety and convenience may require. Any street railway company may appeal from the decision of such municipal officers making any regulation under this section to the board of railroad commissioners who shall upon notice hear the parties and finally determine the questions raised by said appeal.'

Approved February 24, 1903.

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—alterations shall be made at expense of corporation.

—appeal may be had to railroad commissioners.

Section 15 of chapter 268 of public laws of 1893, amended.

Municipal officers may make regulations as to use of tracks of any street railway, removal of ice and snow, etc.

## Chapter 16.

An Act concerning Attorneys at Law.

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

Section 1. Sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine and thirty of chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three are hereby amended so as to give any justice of the supreme judicial court, in term time or in vacation, the powers therein conferred upon the court, and said sections, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sections 27, 28, 29 and 30 of chapter 79 of R. S. of 1883, amended

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Collections or settlements shall be paid within ten days after demand.

—claimant may file a motion in writing.

—any justice of the supreme judicial court may require the attorney to appear.

—notice.

—justice may examine.

—shall render decree.

—exceptions may be taken.

—penalty.

'Section 27. If an attorney at law receives money or any valuable thing on a claim left with him for collection or settlement, and fails to account for and pay over the same to the claimant for ten days after demand, he is guilty of a breach of duty as an attorney; and such claimant may file in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial court in the county where such attorney resides, a motion in writing, under oath, setting forth the facts; and thereupon any justice of the supreme judicial court in term time or in vacation shall issue a rule, requiring the attorney to appear on a day fixed and show cause why he should not so account and pay, and to abide the order of such justice in the premises; which shall be served by copy in hand at least five days before the return day.'

'Section 28. If he then appears, he shall file an answer to such motion, under oath, and such justice may examine the parties and other evidence pertinent thereto. If he does not appear and answer, the facts set forth in the motion shall be taken as confessed; and in either case such justice shall render such decree as equity requires.'

'Section 29. Either party may allege exceptions to any ruling or decree of such justice; and they shall be allowed unless deemed frivolous.'

'Section 30. If the attorney does not perform the decree of such justice, he shall be committed for contempt until he does, or is otherwise lawfully discharged; and his name shall be struck from the roll of attorneys.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1903.

**Chapter 17.**

An Act for the protection of Railroad Signals.

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

Whoever intentionally and without right injures, destroys, or molests any signal of a railroad corporation, or any line, wire, post, lamp or other structure or mechanism used in connection with any signal on a railroad, or destroys or in any manner interferes with the proper working of any signal on a railroad, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

Railroad signals, penalty for injuring or tampering with.

Approved February 25, 1903.