

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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**Chapter 61.**

An Act to authorize municipalities to make contracts for Water, Gas and Light.

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

Municipal corporations are authorized to contract for a supply of water, gas and electric light for municipal uses for a term of years upon such terms as may be mutually agreed, from time to time to renew the same, and to raise money therefor. All such contracts heretofore made are confirmed and made valid.

Municipal corporations authorized to contract for water, gas and electric light.

Approved March 10, 1903.

**Chapter 62.**

An Act to prevent injury to Books and works of Art.

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

Section 1. Whoever wantonly mars, defaces or injures a book, picture, statue or painting, belonging to any public library, or library of any association open to the public, or to any literary or educational institution, or any statue erected in any public park or square, or upon any ground open to the public, shall be punished by imprisonment not more than three months, or by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Defacing books, pictures, etc.

—penalty.

Section 2. Section eighteen of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Section 18, chapter 127, R. S., repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 10, 1903.

**Chapter 63.**

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and eighty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and one, entitled "An Act providing for State Roads and for the improvement thereof."

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and eighty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and one is hereby amended by striking out the word "one" in the fourth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'two'; also by striking out the word "August" in the eleventh line of said

Section 2 of chapter 285, public laws of 1901, amended.

## CHAP. 64

Permanent  
improvement  
of roads.

—proviso.

—proviso.

Section 6,  
amended.

Appropri-  
ation.

section and inserting in place thereof the word 'September,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 2. Towns establishing state roads as aforesaid may, on complying with the conditions hereinafter set forth, receive from the state one-half of the amount actually expended in permanent improvement of said roads, not exceeding two hundred dollars per year; provided that no town shall receive such state aid unless its appropriation and expenditure for such road shall amount to at least one hundred dollars and shall have been exclusive of and in addition to the amount regularly raised in such town for highways and bridges; and provided also, that the amount so expended shall be used before the first day of September in permanent improvement of a continuous portion of said road, and in a manner satisfactory to the county commissioners of the county wherein said road is located. Such aid shall be paid from the state treasury on and after the first day of January, upon certificate by the governor and council as provided by section three.'

Section 2. Section six of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "of" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'forty thousand dollars shall be appropriated annually,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of forty thousand dollars shall be appropriated annually.'

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 10, 1903.

### Chapter 64.

An Act to amend Section three, Chapter eighty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-nine, relating to the election of truant officers and the filling of vacancies occurring in the office of Truant Officer.

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

Section 3 of  
chapter 80,  
public laws  
of 1899,  
amended.

Section 1. Section three, chapter eighty of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-nine, is hereby amended by adding after the word "year" in the last line of said section the following words, namely; 'and shall elect truant officers at their first meeting after the annual meeting of the town, in case the town neglects to do so or the truant officers elect, or any of them, fail to qualify.' So that the last sentence in said section, as amended, shall read as follows, namely: