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CHAP. 127

Chapter 127.

An Act fixing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc County.

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

Salary of
judge of
probate for
Sagadahoc
county.

Section 1. From and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Sagadahoc shall be eight hundred dollars per year, instead of the sum now fixed by law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 24, 1903.

Chapter 128.

An Act to amend Chapter eighty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-nine amendatory of Chapter one hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five as amended by Chapter two hundred and eighty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven and Chapter two hundred and six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred one, entitled "An Act to provide for the Schooling of Children in unorganized Townships."

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

Chapter 89 of
public laws
1899, as
amended
by chapter 206,
public laws of
1901, further
amended.

Section 1. Chapter eighty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and one, is hereby further amended in section one by substituting for the words "twenty-five cents" in the last provision thereof, the words 'forty cents,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

State super-
intendent
shall cause
enumeration
to be made
when there
are two or
more
children.

'Section 1. Whenever in any unorganized township in this state there shall be two or more children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, the state superintendent of schools shall cause an enumeration of said children to be made, and returned to him, and shall provide for the schooling of said children, either by establishing a school in the township or by sending the children to schools in adjoining towns or plantations, or both, as shall by him be deemed expedient. In case any of said children are, by the state superintendent, sent to schools in adjoining towns or plantations, said children so sent shall have the same rights in such school as children resident in said town or plantation. Provided, however, that in case the interest on the reserve fund in any unorganized township together with the amount arising from the per capita tax called for in this act, is not sufficient to provide schooling for the children of said town-

—shall
provide
schooling.

—rights of
children
when sent to
adjoining
towns or
plantations.

—proviso.

ship for at least twenty weeks in a year, the remainder of the expense shall be paid from the fund appropriated by section four of this act, provided, further, that no money shall be expended under this section for the benefit of any township until the inhabitants of said township shall pay to the state treasurer a sum equal to forty cents for each inhabitant thereof.'

Section 2. Section three of said act as amended is hereby further amended by inserting before the last provision thereof beginning with the words 'the state superintendent shall have power to supply school books,' the following: 'Said agents, in the collecting of the per capita tax aforesaid, shall have the same powers and may use the same methods as collectors of taxes in towns are authorized to exercise and use for the collecting of personal and poll taxes committed to them; said agents are further authorized to act as truant officers in their several townships, and may, in their discretion, compel the regular daily attendance at school of every child in their township between the ages of seven and fifteen years by arresting and taking to school any such child when absent therefrom; and any parent or guardian of any such child or children, wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to attend school, or opposing said agent in arresting and taking said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and, if found guilty, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the schools in the township wherein said children are resident, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days;' so that said section as amended, shall read:

Section 3,
amended.

'Section 3. The state superintendent of schools shall have power to appoint agents for the several townships in which schools shall be established under this act, whose duty it shall be under the direction of the state superintendent to enumerate the pupils, assess and collect the per capita tax, employ the teacher and attend to all necessary details in connection with said schools; for which work he shall be paid a sum not exceeding two dollars per day when actually employed in this duty and actual necessary traveling expenses. Said agents in the collection of the per capita tax aforesaid, shall have the same powers and may use the same methods as collectors of taxes in towns are authorized to exercise and use for the collecting of personal and poll taxes committed to them; said agents are further authorized to act as truant officers in their several townships, and may in their discretion compel the regular daily attendance at school of every child in their townships between the ages of seven and fifteen years by arresting and taking to school any such child

Agents for
unincorporated town-
ships.

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regular
attendance.

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—school
books, how
supplied.

Section 4,
amended.

Appropriation
for
provisions of
this act.

when absent therefrom; and any parent or guardian of any such child or children, wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to attend school, or opposing said agent in arresting and taking said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and if found guilty, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the schools in the township wherein said children are resident, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days. The state superintendent shall have power to supply school books for the schools established under this act under such conditions as to the purchase and care thereof as he may deem proper.'

Section 3. Section four of said act as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Section 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars annually which sum shall be deducted and set aside therefor by the treasurer of state from the annual school funds of the state.'

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 24, 1902.

Chapter 129.

An Act to repeal so much of Section five of Chapter forty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, as prohibits fishing in the inlet stream of Squaw Pan Lake from Thibadeau's landing to the source of said stream.

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

Squaw Pan
lake, inlets of,
opened for
fishing.

Section 1. So much of section five, so called, of chapter forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, as prohibits the taking, catching or killing of any fish in the inlet stream or streams of Squaw Pan lake, in the county of Aroostook, from Thibadeau's landing to the source of said stream or streams, said stream or streams being in township eleven, range four, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 24, 1903.