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OF THE

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Chapter 171.

An Act to amend Section fifteen of Chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Appeals from Magistrates in criminal cases.

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

Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Section 15. Any person aggrieved at the decision or sentence of such magistrate, may within twenty-four hours after such sentence is imposed, Sunday not included, appeal therefrom to the next supreme judicial or superior court in the same county, and the magistrate shall thereupon order such appellant to recognize in a reasonable sum, not less than twenty dollars with sufficient sureties, to appear and prosecute his appeal and to be committed until the order is complied with. When such appeal is not taken before the adjournment of the session of court at which said sentence is imposed, mittimus shall issue and the respondent shall be committed thereon, under such sentence, but if after adjournment and commitment as aforesaid and within said twenty-four hours, application in writing is made to such magistrate to enter such appeal, he shall supersede such commitment by his written order to the jailer or other officer, and the respondent shall be brought before him and such appeal allowed and entered as if claimed before adjournment.'

Section 15 of chapter 132, R. S., amended.

Persons aggrieved may within 24 hours after sentence, appeal to supreme judicial or superior court.

Approved March 26, 1903.

Chapter 172.

An Act to amend Section forty-four of Chapter two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the publication of the Public Laws.

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

Section 1. Section forty-four of chapter two of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "one dollar" in the fifth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'two dollars' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 44. He shall cause the public laws passed at each session to be printed within thirty days after the close thereof on extra sheets, on good paper, in good clear nonpareil type, by the publishers of each newspaper; and each printer who so pub-

Section 44 of chapter 2, R. S. as amended, further amended.

Compensation to newspapers for publishing and distributing the laws to subscribers.

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lishes and distributes the laws to his subscribers within the state, shall receive ten dollars, besides two dollars for every hundred copies so distributed within the state.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1903.

Chapter 173.

An Act relating to defense of actions brought against Administrators and Executors.

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

Heirs, devisees or legatees may petition to defend suit brought against executor or administrator.

Section 1. When suit has been brought against an executor or administrator, any of the heirs, devisees or legatees of the deceased may personally or by attorney, petition the court for leave to defend the suit, setting forth the facts as he believes them to be and his reasons for so desiring to defend, and the court may grant or refuse such leave.

Shall give bond if leave is given to defend.

Section 2. If leave is granted, the petitioner shall give to the administrator or executor bond in such sum as the court orders, to hold the administrator or executor harmless, for any damages or costs occasioned by the suit or by said defense; and an entry of record shall be made that he is admitted to defend such suit.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1903.

Chapter 174.

An Act relating to Bonds given by Collectors of Taxes.

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

Bond of collector of taxes shall be recorded.

Section 1. The bond given by any collector of taxes to the inhabitants of the town or plantation of which he is collector, shall, after its approval and acceptance by the municipal officers of such town or plantation, be recorded by the town or plantation clerk, in the town or plantation records, and such record shall be prima facie evidence of the contents of such bond, but a failure to so record shall be no defense in any action upon such bond.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and three.

Approved March 27, 1903.