

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

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no money shall be paid from the city treasury unless the same be appropriated by the city council and upon a warrant signed by the mayor, which warrant shall state the appropriation under which the same is drawn.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Chapter 397.

An Act for the protection of Squirrels and Chipmunks in the County of Knox.

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

Protection of
squirrels in
Knox county.

Section 1. Whoever, within the limits of the county of Knox, kills or has in his possession, except alive, any gray squirrel, red squirrel or chipmunk, forfeits five dollars for each of said animals so killed or had in possession, to be recovered on complaint.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Chapter 398.

An Act to amend An Act entitled, "An Act authorizing Washington County to sell its stock in the Washington County Railroad Company, and authorizing the sale or lease of said railroad," approved March ten, nineteen hundred three.

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

Section 1, of
act approved
March 10, 1903,
amended.

Section 1. Section one of an act authorizing Washington county to sell its stock in the Washington County Railroad Company, and authorizing the sale or lease of said railroad, approved March tenth, nineteen hundred and three, is hereby amended by striking out in the sixteenth and seventeenth lines of said section the words "if said commissioners shall approve said proposition they shall submit it" and inserting in place thereof the words 'said commissioners shall call together the Washington county delegation for the time being to the Maine legislature and if a majority of said commissioners and delegation acting jointly shall approve said proposition said commissioners shall submit such proposition,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 1. Whenever a proposition for the purchase of the holdings of Washington county in the preferred stock of the Washington County Railroad Company shall be made in writing by the holders of the other shares of the stock of said corporation to the county commissioners of said county, or by any other person or corporations said proposition stating in substance that upon a legal transfer of such preferred stock to them, the said holders of the other shares of the stock of said corporation or such other person or corporations as may submit a proposition will pay to said county commissioners for the use of said county a certain definite sum of money, or when such holders of the other shares of the stock of said corporation or any other person or corporations, shall make any other proposition for the purchase of said preferred stock or the exchange thereof for other securities, said commissioners shall call together the Washington county delegation for the time being to the Maine legislature and if a majority of said commissioners and delegation acting jointly shall approve said proposition said commissioners shall submit such proposition to the determination of the legal voters of said county at such time as they may designate, subject to the provisions of this act, and thereupon there shall be submitted to the voters of the several cities, towns and organized plantations in the county of Washington the following proposition: "Shall the county commissioners be empowered to dispose of the holdings of the county in the preferred stock of the Washington County Railroad Company in accordance with the written proposition made therefor?" and the warrants issued for calling such meetings shall contain a copy of such written proposition, and it is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners of said county to appoint a day for meetings to vote thereon, and to notify the municipal officers of the cities, towns and plantations thereof, leaving a sufficient time for calling said meetings in the usual form for city or town meetings.

Said commissioners shall cause to be prepared printed forms for the warrants and returns of said meetings and transmit them with their notifications to city, town and plantation officers as above prescribed.'

Section 2. Section twelve of said act is hereby amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the words, 'After Washington county shall have sold its preferred stock in accordance with the provisions of this act;' also by striking out in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth lines the words "and the preferred stock purchased and paid for so the county of Washington is not a holder of said stock," so that said section, as amended shall read as follows:

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Proceedings
if proposition
to purchase
preferred
stock is made.

—how
submitted to
voters of
county.

Section 12,
amended.

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May issue
bonds after
stock is sold.

—proviso.

'Section 12. After Washington county shall have sold its preferred stock in accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington County Railroad Company for the purposes hereafter named is hereby authorized to issue its bonds in such amount and with such rate of interest that the annual interest charge thereon shall not exceed the annual interest charge upon the present outstanding mortgage bonds, and to secure the same by a mortgage of its railroad, franchises, property and privileges; provided said mortgage shall be authorized by a majority vote of the holders of the common stock in said company at a legal meeting called therefor, in the call for which the purposes of said meeting shall be stated, and shall also be consented to in writing by the owner or owners of all of the preferred stock in said company. The proceeds of such last named mortgage bonds shall be applied to the payment, redemption or purchase of said first mortgage bonds, or to the purchase of the preferred stock, which when purchased may be retired and canceled. When all of said bonds shall have been so paid, redeemed or purchased and the first mortgage discharged, any balance remaining may be applied to the improvement or betterment of said road.'

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Chapter 399.

An Act providing temporarily for the Payment of Wardens for their services.

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

Provision for
payment of
fish and game
wardens.

Section 1. Until there shall be funds available to pay inland fish and game wardens for their services, the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for the payment of the same on the state treasurer from the amount appropriated for the operation of the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish, and such amount thus drawn shall be returned to said fund as soon as it is received for licenses or fines.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.