

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

1905.

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**CHAP. 2**

—number of.

Commissioner' and the word 'Maine' and the name of the county and the town or city where the commissioner resides. Each town or city of not more than four thousand inhabitants as shown by the last preceding census of the United States, shall be entitled to one such commissioner and not more than one, and for every additional five thousand inhabitants thus shown, or fraction thereof, an additional commissioner shall be allowed, provided that the total number of commissioners in any one town or city shall in no case exceed six. Any commissioners appointed under this section shall have power to renew executions issued by any former commissioner within and for the same county, and executions issued by himself.'

—may renew executions.

Approved January 31, 1905.

**Chapter 2.**

An Act to amend Section one hundred and fifteen of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Organization of Plantations.

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

Section 115, chapter 4, R. S., amended.

Section one hundred and fifteen of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by substituting in the place of the word "township," wherever it appears in said section, the word, 'place.'

Approved February 8, 1905.

**Chapter 3.**

An Act to provide for the treatment of persons suffering from the effects of the habitual use of Narcotics.

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

Persons suffering from use of opiates may be committed to general hospital.

Section 1. A person alleged to be suffering from the effects of the use of an opiate, cocaine, chloral hydrate, or other narcotic may be committed to the care of any general hospital receiving aid from the state, or any legally qualified physician of not less than five years' actual practice, for treatment; and the medical authorities of said hospital or said physician to whom said patient is committed shall have the power and authority to restrain said patient, so committed, in such manner as may be necessary for his protection for a period not exceeding ninety days.

—patient may be restrained.

## CHAP. 4

Section 2. Before any restraint shall be imposed under the authority of this act, a voluntary agreement shall be made in writing by the person suffering from the effects of any drug mentioned in section one of this act, to the imposition of restraint upon his actions, if necessary, and such agreement must be witnessed by the husband, wife, or parent of the person aforesaid, or one of the municipal officers of the city or town in which the person, suffering as described in this act, is a resident, and approved, after reasonable notice, by a justice of the supreme judicial court or a judge of the superior court or probate court in the county where the patient resides.

Agreement to personal restraint must be in writing by patient.

—witnesses.

Section 3. Any justice of the supreme judicial court, or a judge of the superior court or probate court in the county where the patient resides, may, at his discretion, require the president or secretary of the state board of health, or one of the county examiners of insane criminals, to investigate as to the progress of any such case; and, upon his certificate that further restraint is unnecessary, may annul the agreement, and the person restrained shall be immediately released upon the order of said justice.

Investigation as to progress of cases may be required.

—release may follow investigation

Approved February 9, 1905.

### Chapter 4.

An Act to amend Section thirty-nine of Chapter ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to the filing of certificates of liens on Real Estate.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-nine of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "county" in the last line of said section the words 'or district;' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 39, chapter 93, R. S., amended.

'Section 39. When any bill or petition provided for in this chapter in which a lien is claimed on real estate is filed with the clerk, he shall forthwith file a certificate, setting forth the names of the parties, the date of the bill or petition, and of the filing thereof and a description of the said real estate as described in said bill or petition, in the registry of deeds for the county or district in which the land is situated.'

Filing of certificate in registry of deeds required.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 9, 1905.