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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 110**Chapter 110.**

An Act to amend Section thirty-one of Chapter ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Liens on buildings and lots, wharves and piers.

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

Section 31,
chapter 93,
R. S.,
amended.

That the word "forty" in the second line of section thirty-one of chapter ninety-three of the revised statutes be stricken out and the word 'sixty' be inserted therefor, so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Lien
dissolved
unless filed
in sixty days
in town
clerk's office.

'Section 31. The lien mentioned in the preceding section shall be dissolved unless the claimant within sixty days after he ceases to labor or furnish materials as aforesaid, files in the office of the clerk of the town in which such building, wharf or pier is situated, a true statement of the amount due him, with all just credits given, together with a description of the property intended to be covered by the lien, sufficiently accurate to identify it, and the names of the owners, if known; which shall be subscribed and sworn to by the person claiming the lien, or by some one in his behalf, and recorded in a book kept for that purpose, by said clerk who is entitled to the same fees therefor as for recording mortgages, but this section shall not apply where the labor or materials are furnished by a contract with the owner of the property affected.'

Approved March 21, 1905.

Chapter 111.

An Act amending Section eighty-eight of Chapter eighty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to challenging of Jurors.

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

Section 88,
chapter 84,
R. S.,
amended.

Section eighty-eight of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the seventeenth line thereof the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'four,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Jurors, how
impaneled
and sworn,
or drawn
by lot.

'Section 88. When venires for jurors are returned to court, the clerk shall, at the commencement of each term, prepare separate alphabetical lists of the names of the several persons returned as traverse jurors; and the court in impaneling them, shall cause the names of the first two persons who attend, to be called, who shall be first sworn and then the others in succes-

sion, as they are named on the list, and in such divisions as the court directs, or all at the same time; and the first twelve shall compose the first jury; and the next twelve, on the same list, shall be impaneled and sworn in like manner, and shall compose the second jury; but before proceeding to the trial of any civil or criminal case, other than for an offense punishable by imprisonment for life, the clerk may, under direction of court, at the request of either party, place the names of all jurors legally summoned and in attendance, and not engaged in the trial of any cause, separately upon tickets in a box, and the names shall be drawn from the box by the clerk, after having been thoroughly mixed, one at a time, for the purpose of constituting a jury; and each party may peremptorily challenge four jurors; but in such case all peremptory or other challenges and objections to a juror drawn, if then known, shall be made and determined, and the juror sworn or set aside, before another name is drawn, and so on until the panel is completed. A new jury shall be thus drawn for the trial of each cause; and after the panel is thus completed, the presiding justice shall appoint a foreman for the trial of the case.'

—first jury.

—second jury.

—challenges.

Approved March 21, 1905.

Chapter 112.

An Act to prevent the unlawful diversion of electricity.

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

Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures or destroys or suffers to be injured or destroyed any meter, pipe, conduit, wire, line, pole, lamp, or other apparatus belonging to a corporation or company engaged in the manufacture or sale of gas or electricity for lighting purposes or power purposes or belonging to any water company, or unlawfully and intentionally prevents an electric or water or gas meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity or water or gas supplied, or in any way interferes with its proper action or just registration, or without the consent of such company or corporation unlawfully and intentionally diverts any electric current from any wire of such corporation or company, or otherwise unlawfully and intentionally uses or causes to be used without the consent of such corporation any electricity manufactured or distributed by such corporation or company, or unlawfully and intentionally and without the con-

Punishment
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interfering
with working
of apparatus
of persons or
corporations
engaged in
furnishing
gas or
electricity.