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STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 93.**

An Act to shorten the time of possession required for bringing suits to quiet title to Real Estate.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Chapter one hundred and six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" from the sixth line of section forty-seven, the fourth line of section forty-nine and the third line of section fifty-two and inserting instead thereof in each of the said three sections the word 'four.'

Sections 47,  
49, 52,  
chapter 106,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Approved March 16, 1909.

**Chapter 94.**

An Act to amend Section eight-nine of Chapter one hundred eighty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, relating to the Compensation of Selectmen.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section eighty-nine of chapter one hundred eighty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking out the words "and fifty cents," and also by striking out the third word in the last sentence of said section and in place thereof inserting the word 'three,' so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

Section 89,  
chapter 184,  
public laws,  
1907,  
amended.

'Section 89. If any town does not choose assessors, or if so many of them refuse to accept, that there are not such a number as the town voted to have, the selectmen shall be the assessors, and each of them shall be sworn as an assessor, and each selectman and assessor shall be paid for his services two dollars for every day necessarily and actually employed in the services of the town. Towns having three thousand or more inhabitants may vote to pay their selectmen a compensation not exceeding five dollars a day for time actually spent in the service of the town.'

Selectmen  
to be  
assessors  
in certain  
events.

—compensation.

Approved March 16, 1909.

**Chapter 95.**

An Act amendatory to Chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies, and additional thereto.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Section fourteen of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one

Section 14,  
chapter 60,  
R. S.,  
amended.

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cent and one quarter" in the second line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'two cents;' by inserting in the tenth line of said section after the word "societies" the following: 'and all agricultural societies receiving aid from the state by special act of the legislature;' and by inserting in the twelfth line of said section after the word "allow" the words 'immoral shows,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Amount that shall be paid to the agricultural societies by the state. —how divided.

'Section 14. There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not exceeding two cents to each inhabitant of the state, which shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural societies of the state not provided for by special enactment, according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full by said societies, provided, that the stipend shall be based entirely upon the premiums and gratuities actually paid in full on exhibition stocks and products, and provided, that no society shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society for said purposes; provided, also that each of the said societies, and all agricultural societies receiving aid from the state by special act of the legislature, shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over which they have control, and not allow immoral shows, gambling in any form or games of chance on said grounds.'

—proviso.

Section 15, chapter 60, R. S., amended.

Section 2. Section fifteen of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "none of such payments" at the beginning of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following: 'No payment of any state aid, whether made under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter sixty of the revised statutes and amendments thereto, or by special appropriation;' by inserting in the ninth line of said section fifteen, after the words "in regard to" the words 'immoral shows;' and by adding to said section the following: 'In case of any complaint in writing, signed by the complainant, of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter relating to the payment of state aid in any form to agricultural societies, the commissioner of agriculture may investigate such alleged violation, and is hereby authorized to employ such agents and counsel as may be necessary to aid him in such investigation, and the expense incurred shall be paid out of the general appropriation for aid of agricultural societies, except that in any case where it has been found upon such investigation that the society against which complaint has been made has violated the provisions of chapter sixty of the revised

statutes, the expense of such investigation shall be paid from the amount that would otherwise have been paid to said society; provided further, that if the society against which the complaint is made receives its aid by special enactment, then the expense of the investigation shall be paid from the said appropriation for such society;’ so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 15. No payment of any state aid, whether made under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter sixty of the revised statutes and amendments thereto or by special appropriation, shall be made to any society until the treasurer thereof files with the treasurer of state a certificate on oath stating the amount raised by it and containing the specifications required in section nineteen; and also a certificate from the commissioner of agriculture that he has examined into the claim of said society; that in his opinion it has complied with the provisions of sections nineteen and twenty and with the following section; that there has been awarded and paid by said society as premiums and gratuities a sum at least equal to the amount apportioned to said society, and that the provisions in regard to immoral shows, gambling and the sale of intoxicating liquors have been strictly complied with.

In case of any complaint in writing, signed by the complainant, of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter relating to the payment of state aid in any form to agricultural societies, the commissioner of agriculture may investigate such alleged violation, and is hereby authorized to employ such agents and counsel as may be necessary to aid him in such investigation, and the expense incurred shall be paid out of the general appropriation for aid of agricultural societies, except that in any case where it has been found upon such investigation that the society against which complaint has been made has violated the provisions of chapter sixty of the revised statutes, the expense of such investigation shall be paid from the amount that would otherwise have been paid to said society; provided, further, that if the society against which the complaint is made receives its aid by special enactment, then the expense of the investigation shall be paid from the said appropriation for such society.’

Section 3. Section twenty-one of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in said section after the word “thereof” in line six of said section, the following words: ‘and said societies shall furnish suitable space for the

No payments made until certain certificates and specifications are filed.

Commissioner of agriculture may investigate alleged violations.

—expense, how paid.

Section 21, chapter 60, R. S., amended.

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May fix bounds for exhibitions, but not to include land without owners' consent nor obstruct highway.

exhibition of farm implements and machinery at a reasonable rental,' so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 21. All incorporated agricultural societies may, by their officers, define and fix bounds of sufficient extent for the erection of their cattle pens and yards, and for convenient passage ways to and about the same, on the days of their cattle shows and exhibitions, and for their plowing matches and trial of working teams, within which no person shall enter or pass, unless in conformity with the regulations of the officers thereof, and said societies shall furnish suitable space for the exhibition of farm implements and machinery at a reasonable rental; but they shall not so occupy or include the lands of any person without his consent, or obstruct the public travel of any highway.'

Commissioner of agriculture may summon officers and examine books and records of society.

Section 4. The commissioner of agriculture may summon before him and examine on oath any officer of an incorporated agricultural society or other person whose testimony he shall deem necessary in the proper discharge of his duties, and may require such witnesses to bring before him for examination, any books or records in their custody or control which said commissioner of agriculture may deem necessary for his information in the performance of his duties.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 5. All acts and resolves, and parts of acts and resolves, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 18, 1909.

## Chapter 96.

An Act creating a lien on Shovel Handle Blocks.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Lien on shovel handle blocks.

Whoever labors in making shovel handle blocks, or cuts or furnishes wood for shovel handle blocks, or is engaged in cooking for such persons engaged in such labor, or furnishes a team for hauling said shovel handle blocks or the lumber from which they are made has a lien on said shovel handle blocks for the amount due him for his personal labor thereon, or the services of his team, and for the amount due for the wood so cut or furnished which takes precedence of all other claims except liens reserved to the state, continues for thirty days after said shovel handle blocks arrive at their destination either for shipment or to be turned, and may be enforced by attachment.

Approved March 18, 1909.