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Chapter 140.

An Act to prohibit the use of boats or launches of any kind propelled by steam, naphtha, gasolene or electricity, or any other mode than the ordinary sail boat or row boat in chasing, hunting, or gunning any sea birds or other water fowl in the inland waters of the State.

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

Use of power boats in hunting ducks, prohibited.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to use a boat or launch of any kind propelled by steam, naphtha, gasolene or electricity, or any other mode than the ordinary sail boat or row boat, in chasing, hunting or gunning any sea birds, duck or water fowl in any of the inland waters of this state, under a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs of prosecution for each offense.

—penalty.

Court jurisdiction.

Section 2. Trial justices, police and municipal courts within their respective counties shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts in all prosecutions under this chapter, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties received for any violation of this act shall be paid forthwith by the person receiving the same to the state treasurer, and credited to fines and license fees for the protection of birds and game.

How act shall be construed.

Section 3. This act shall not be construed as repealing any law now in force relating to this same subject matter.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 141.

An Act to amend Section forty-eight of Chapter Fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to the expenditures by the Railroad Commissioners.

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

Section 48, chapter 51, R. S., amended.

Section forty-eight of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-two hundred" in the ninth line of said section and substituting therefor the words 'five thousand,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Railroad commissioners, their appointment and tenure.—qualification.

"The governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint three railroad commissioners who shall act as a board and hold their offices for three years; one of them shall be learned in the law and appointed and commissioned as chairman; one of them shall be a civil engineer who shall have had experience in the construction of railroads; and the third shall

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have had experience in the management and operation of railroads. Said board shall be provided with an office and suitable rooms for hearing in which its records shall be kept; the board may expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars annually in procuring necessary books, maps, stationery and statistics, and in defraying expenses, incidental and necessary to the discharge of its duties and procuring the assistance of a mechanical expert in the examination of iron bridges. A statement of such expenses shall accompany its annual report. Said board shall also have a clerk and an assistant clerk, both of whom shall be appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the board. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of the proceedings of the board; the assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the clerk.'

—shall keep record.

—expenditures.

—appointment and duties of clerk and assistant clerk.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 142.

An Act to amend Chapter thirty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, relating to the Protection of Trees and Shrubs from the Introduction and Ravages of Dangerous Insects and Diseases.

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

Section nine of chapter thirty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby repealed.

Section 9, chapter 34, public laws, 1909, repealed.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 143.

An Act to amend Section eighty-nine of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to taking Land for certain Municipal Purposes.

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

Section eighty-nine of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "squares" in the seventh line thereof the following, 'buildings for municipal purposes,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 89, chapter 4, R. S., amended.

'Section 89. Any city or town, containing more than one thousand inhabitants, upon petition in writing signed by at least thirty of its taxpaying citizens, directed to the municipal officers, describing the land to be taken as hereinafter provided, and the names of the owners thereof so far as they are

Cities and larger towns may, on petition, take land for parks, squares and public libraries, etc.