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taxes shall not be paid within thirty days after such demand, the treasurer of the state may collect the same, with interest as provided by law, by an action of debt in the name of the state. Such action shall be brought in the supreme judicial court in the county where such unorganized townships are located, and the attorney general may begin and prosecute such actions when thereto requested by the treasurer of the state.

The demand herein provided for shall be sufficient if made by a writing mailed to such land owner or his agent at his usual postoffice address. In case such owner resides without the state, and has no agent within the state known to the treasurer of the state, such demand shall be sufficient if made upon the state land agent. Such action shall be brought not less than thirty days after the giving or mailing of the demand herein provided for. The beginning of such action, obtaining execution and collecting the same shall be deemed a waiver of the forfeiture provided by section forty-three of said chapter nine.

—demand sufficient if made by writing and mailed to owner.

—if made upon state land agent.

—when action shall be brought.

Section 2. Section twelve of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

‘Section 12. The board of state assessors may, within one year from the assessment, if justice requires, make an abatement of any state, county or forestry district taxes. A list of such abatements, and the amount of the same, shall be transmitted by the board of state assessors to the treasurer of the state, and such amount or amounts shall be deducted from such taxes.’

Section 12, chapter 8, R. S., amended. State assessors may make abatement of taxes.

—list of abatements transmitted to state treasurer.

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 219.

An Act empowering the Governor to remove County Attorneys.

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

Section sixteen of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting between the words “years” and “none” in the fourth line thereof the following, ‘unless their terms of office are sooner terminated in the manner following, viz: Upon the petition of not less than fifty adult citizens of any county, charging that the county attorney of such county has persistently failed to perform his legal duties, and specifying wherein he has so failed, the governor, upon hearing and satisfactory proof of such persistent failure, may remove

Section 16, chapter 81, R. S., amended.

CHAP. 220

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such county attorney and fill the vacancy from the same political party to which said county attorney belongs, first giving to such county attorney, at least ten days before the date of the hearing, a copy of the charges and specifications against him and notice of the time and place of hearing thereon,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 16. County attorneys shall be elected and notified, their elections determined and vacancies filled in the same manner, and they shall enter upon the discharge of their duties at the same time as is provided respecting county commissioners, but they shall hold office for two years, unless their terms of office are sooner terminated in the manner following, viz: Upon the petition of not less than fifty adult citizens of any county, charging that the county attorney of such county has persistently failed to perform his legal duties, and specifying wherein he has so failed, the governor, upon hearing and satisfactory proof of such persistent failure, may remove such county attorney and fill the vacancy from the same political party to which said county attorney belongs, first giving to such county attorney, at least ten days before the date of the hearing, a copy of the charges and specifications against him and notice of the time and place of hearing thereon. None but a permanent resident of the county shall hold the office of county attorney and removal therefrom vacates the office.'

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 220.

An Act to amend Chapter eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Board of State Assessors.

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

Section 1,
chapter 8,
R. S.,
amended.

Section 1. Section one of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "shall be chosen by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention" in the second, third, and fourth lines and inserting in place thereof the words 'shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council;' and by striking out the word "elections" in the fourth and fifth lines and inserting in place thereof the word 'appointments;' and by striking out the word "election" in the sixth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'appointment;' and by striking out the words "the member having the shortest time to serve shall be chairman of the board" in the seventh