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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
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STATE OF MAINE.

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extend the time of payment of said tax whenever the circumstances of the case require.

This act not to apply when.

Section 96. This act shall not apply to estates of persons deceased prior to the date of taking effect of the same, nor to property passing by deed, grant, sale or gift made prior to said date, but said estates and property shall remain subject to the provisions of law in force prior to the taking effect of this act.

All taxes collected by attorney general, how disposed of.

Section 97. All moneys received by the attorney general as taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be by him forthwith paid to the State treasurer.'

Approved March 30, 1911.

**Chapter 164.**

An Act to amend Sections thirty-four and thirty-five of Chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes relating to conveyance of pews in meeting-houses to organized parishes or Incorporated Churches.

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

Section 34, chapter 16, R. S., amended.

Section 1. Section thirty-four of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Parish may become owner of pews.

'Section 34. When it is deemed expedient by any organized parish or incorporated church to become the owner of the pews in any meeting-house used by it as a place of regular worship, a meeting of the owners and occupants thereof may be called, as provided in section six, and a majority of such pew owners and occupants may vote to convey the pews by them owned or occupied to such parish or incorporated church. If the owners or occupants of any of the pews in such meeting-house are unknown to the assessors they shall give notice, additional to that provided herein, by publishing the call for such meeting in some newspaper published in the county where such meeting-house is located at least seven days before the time appointed for said meeting.'

—proceedings.

Section 35, chapter 16, R. S., amended.

Section 2. Section thirty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Owner of pew dissenting, proceedings.

'Section 35. Any owner or occupant of a pew in such meeting-house who expresses his dissent from such vote in writing to the clerk of the parish or incorporated church within one month from the time of holding such meeting, shall have his pew appraised, as provided in section thirty-eight, and the appraised value shall be tendered to him in satisfaction of his claim for compensation and he shall then deliver a deed of such pew to the parish or incorporated church. If such dissent

is not so expressed such pew shall be forever forfeited to the parish or incorporated church.'

Section 3. The clerk, treasurer and a majority of the business committee of every independent local church incorporated under provisions of the revised statutes shall prepare a certificate in form approved by the attorney general setting forth the name of such church, the town or city where located and the number and names of its business committee and shall sign and make oath to it and shall file the same in the office of the secretary of state, and the secretary of state shall keep a list of the same in a book prepared for that purpose showing the name, location and date of organization of such church corporation.

Certificate prepared by officers approved by attorney general and filed in office of secretary of state.

—secretary of state shall keep list of same.

The name of any incorporated church may be changed by vote in a legal meeting, and notice thereof shall be given to the secretary of state with the same effect as prescribed by statute for changing the names of corporations.

—change of name.

Approved March 30, 1911.

**Chapter 165.**

An Act to amend Section fifty of Chapter fifty-one of the Revised Statutes relative to duties of Railroad Commissioners.

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

Section fifty of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "board," in the first line thereof the following: 'or one member thereof,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 50, chapter 51, R. S., amended.

'Section 50. A majority of the board, or one member thereof, annually, between the first of April and October, and at any other time on application or whenever they think necessary, shall carefully examine the tracks, rolling-stock, bridges, viaducts and culverts of all railroads; and shall annually in December make a report to the governor of their official doings, therein stating the condition of the road and rolling-stock, with such facts as they deem of public interest or which he may require; and all persons managing railroads shall give the board such information as they at any time require.'

Board to examine railroads and rolling-stock, when necessary, and make annual reports.

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