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Chapter 184.

CHAP. 184

An Act to Provide for the Election of Officers in Cities by Plurality Vote.

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

Section 1. In all elections in cities by the people, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for any municipal office, although such number is not a majority of all the votes cast, shall be deemed elected to such office.

In cities candidates receiving greatest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts and all provisions of all city charters inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when any city at a regular or special election shall adopt the same by a majority vote.

This act to be adopted by a majority vote.

Approved April 7, 1913.

Chapter 185.

An Act to Regulate the Size and Construction of Caboose Cars.

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

Section 1. The provisions of this act shall apply to any corporation, or to any person or persons, while engaged as common carriers in the transportation by standard gauge railroad of passengers or property within this state to which the regulative power of this state extends. Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any railroad operating less than twenty miles of single track.

Persons and corporations to whom this act shall apply.

—exception.

Section 2. From and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred fourteen, it shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this act, for any such common carrier by railroad to use on its lines any caboose car or other car used for like purposes unless such caboose or other car shall, at least, be twenty-nine feet in length, exclusive of platforms and equipped with two four-wheel trucks, and said caboose car or other car shall be of constructive strength equal, at least, to that of the twenty ton capacity freight cars constructed according to master car builder standards, and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof and an outside platform across each end of said car; each platform shall not be less than twenty-four inches in width, and shall be equipped with proper guard rails, and with grab irons and steps for the safety of persons getting on and off said car. Said steps shall be equipped with a suitable rod, board or other guard at each end and at the back thereof, properly designed to prevent slipping from said step. Said caboose shall be of standard height, with cupola, and necessary closets and windows.

Size and construction of caboose cars regulated.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to ca-

Exceptions.

CHAP. 186 boose cars used by the Maine Central Railroad Company on the following parts of its lines, namely; between Waterville and Skowhegan; between Pittsfield and Hartland; between Burnham and Belfast; between Leeds Junction and Farmington; between Bangor and Bucksport; between Calais and Princeton; between Livermore Falls and Canton and between Lewiston lower station and Bath via Brunswick.

Extension of time for compliance with this act may be granted by R. R. com'rs.

Section 4. The state railroad commission is hereby authorized to grant to any common carrier aforesaid, upon full hearing and for good cause shown, a reasonable extension of time in which to comply with the provisions of this act; provided that in no case shall such extension in the aggregate exceed a period of one year from the time herein limited for compliance with this act.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 5. Any common carrier as provided in section one of this act violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offense, to be enforced on complaint or by indictment.

Approved April 7, 1913.

Chapter 186.

An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Prepare and Publish a List of Corporations Delinquent in Payment of Their Franchise Taxes, and Providing for the Expense of Such Publication.

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

Secretary of state shall prepare a list of corporations, which have not paid franchise tax.

Section 1. The secretary of state shall prepare a list of all corporations, giving the corporate name, the name of the treasurer last filed in the office of the secretary of state, that have failed to pay their annual franchise tax for either of the years nineteen hundred and ten or nineteen hundred and eleven and the amount of the tax due from each corporation, except those from which by reason of having been duly excused as provided by statute, or dissolved by decree of court, no franchise tax is due for either of said years of nineteen hundred and ten or nineteen hundred and eleven, which list shall be published three times for three consecutive weeks in the month of August, nineteen hundred and thirteen, in three places within the State of Maine, namely, Bangor, Augusta and Waterville in such newspapers in each place as the secretary of state may select. The charter of any corporation so advertised, which shall fail to pay all franchise taxes due the state for either of said years and the expenses of advertising the same on or before the first

—list shall be published.