

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

**1913**

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-Sixth  
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'Section 14. Moderator, town clerk, selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, treasurer, auditor, school committee and town agent shall be elected by ballot, and the other said officers by ballot, or if not so elected, they shall be appointed by the selectmen. The town agent shall act under the direction of the selectmen, and shall receive from the treasury of the town such compensation for his services as may be fixed by vote of the town; otherwise, as the selectmen shall allow.'

Section 3. Section fifteen of said chapter four as amended by chapter two hundred sixty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine is hereby further amended so that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 15. If a person appointed as road commissioner fails to qualify within seven days after appointment, the office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appointment; and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or otherwise, the selectmen shall appoint some competent person to fill out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and perform the duties of said office. If after the choice of any officer not required to be chosen by ballot, there is a vacancy in any such office, the municipal officers may fill such vacancies by the written appointment of proper persons, who shall be summoned by the constable to appear and take the oath of office provided in section twenty-five subject to the penalties provided in section twenty-six. Such appointment and oath shall be recorded as in case of a choice by the town. No person shall be so appointed without his consent.'

Section 4. This act shall not apply to road commissioners chosen under existing law nor abridge their term of office; but this act shall apply to their successors in office; nor shall this act apply to cities or towns which choose road commissioners under special acts of the legislature.

Approved April 12, 1913.

CHAP. 214

Officers  
chosen by  
ballot.

Section 15  
of chapter 4,  
as amended,  
further  
amended.

Vacancies,  
how to be  
filled.

Application  
of this act.

## Chapter 214.

An Act for the Better Protection of Automobile Garage Keepers and Owners.

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

Section 1. Whoever puts an automobile in a public garage or other place where automobiles are stored for hire, and with-

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ment pro-  
vided for  
defrauding  
owner of  
garage.

**CHAP. 215** out having an express agreement for credit, procures supplies, accessories or accommodation for himself or said automobile, and with intent to defraud the owner or keeper of said garage, removes or causes to be removed any such automobile from such garage without paying the reasonable charges due for repairs, supplies, accessories and accommodation furnished thereon, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Printed copy of this act to be posted in garage.

Section 2. In order for the owner or keeper of such a garage to obtain the benefits of this act, a printed copy thereof must be posted up in some conspicuous place in said garage.

Approved April 12, 1913.

### Chapter 215.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty of Chapter Fifty-one of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Sixty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven Relating to Duties of the Railroad Commissioners.

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

Public utilities commission shall perform duties of railroad commissioners.

All the duties imposed upon the railroad commissioners by section fifty of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred sixty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, shall be performed by the public utilities commission, or some member thereof, or by some competent person by said public utilities commission duly appointed.

Approved April 12, 1913.

### Chapter 216.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Thirteen, Entitled "An Act to Create a Public Utilities Commission, Prescribe its Powers and Duties, and Provide for the Regulation and Control of Public Utilities."

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

Section 35 of chapter 129, P. L. of 1913, amended. The word "not" stricken from line five of this section.

Section thirty-five of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "not" in the fifth line of said section so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

'Section 35. Any public utility now organized and existing and doing business in the state or hereafter incorporated under