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CHAP. 168

Chapter 168.

An Act Confirming the Official Acts of Frank D. Fenderson, Acting as Register of Deeds for York County.

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

Acts of
Frank D.
Fenderson,
acting as
register of
deeds, rati-
fied and
confirmed.

Section 1. The official acts of Frank D. Fenderson, of Limerick, in the county of York and State of Maine, clerk of courts for said York county, acting as register of deeds, under the provisions of section eight of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes, from February third in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred fourteen, to June thirtieth in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred fourteen, each date inclusive, are hereby ratified and confirmed with the same legal force and effect as if made by a register of deeds duly elected and qualified.

—unfin-
ished rec-
ords com-
pleted.

Section 2. The official attestations and acts of said Frank D. Fenderson, clerk of courts as aforesaid, in completing the unfinished records of Howard Brackett, late of Cornish, the duly elected and qualified register of deeds for said York county, from January first in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred three, to February second in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred fourteen, each date inclusive, are hereby ratified and confirmed and provided with the same legal force and effect as if made by the said register of deeds duly elected and qualified.

Approved March 23, 1915.

Chapter 169.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred Twenty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, by Providing for the Appointment by the Public Utilities Commission of a Chief Inspector of Utilities.

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

Ch. 129, Sec.
1, P. L. 1913,
amended.

—addi-
tional.

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred twenty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by inserting after the words "assistant clerk" in the thirteenth line thereof the words 'also a chief inspector of utilities who shall be a practical railroad man and shall perform such duties as the commission may require,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Appoint-
ment of
Commiss-
ioners.

'Section 1. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint three Commissioners, one of whom he shall designate as chairman, which said commissioners shall be jointly known as the Public Utilities Commission. Said com-

mission shall adopt and have a seal and be provided with an office at the State House in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of the Governor and Council said commission may expend such sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of books, maps, stationery, office furniture and supplies for procuring statistics and information and for defraying expenses incidental to the discharge of its duties. A statement of such expenses shall accompany its annual report. Said commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk; also a chief inspector of utilities who shall be a practical railroad man and shall perform such duties as the Commission may require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of the proceedings of the Commission which shall be open to public inspection at all times. 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. No member or employee of said commission shall have any official or professional connection or relation with or hold any stock or securities in any public utility as herein defined, operating within the State of Maine, nor shall he render any professional service against any such public utility, nor shall he be a member of a firm which shall render any such service. No commissioner shall hold any other office of profit or trust under the government of the United States or of this State except the office of justice of the peace or notary public, nor shall he serve on or under any committee of any political party. Any wilful violation of the provisions of this act by any commissioner shall constitute sufficient cause for his removal by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council.

Section 2. Section two of chapter one hundred twenty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen is hereby amended by inserting after the words "fifteen hundred dollars" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof the words 'and the salary of the chief inspector of utilities shall be left to the discretion of the Public Utilities Commission; and also in inserting after the word "clerks" in the sixth line thereof the words 'the chief inspector of utilities,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 2. The annual salary of each member of said commission shall be, for the chairman five thousand dollars, and for each other member four thousand five hundred dollars; the salary of the clerk shall be twenty-five hundred dollars; and the salary of the assistant clerk shall be fifteen hundred dollars; and the salary of the chief inspector of utilities shall be left to the discretion of the Public Utilities Commission; and

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—office at State House.

—expenditure for equipment.

—expense report.

Appointment of clerk, assistant clerk and chief inspector.

Duties of clerk and assistant clerk.

Members of commission shall not be connected with any public utility.

—shall hold no other office. —exception.

—cause for removal.

Ch. 129, Sec. 2, P. L. 1913, amended.

Salaries and expenditures of members, clerks and chief inspector.

CHAP. 170 the Commissioners, their clerks, the chief inspector of utilities and all employees shall receive actual expenses when traveling on official business. The chairman of the Commission first appointed shall hold office for seven years, and the other members shall hold office for five years and three years respectively; and the terms of the two latter shall be designated by the Governor when making the appointments. Each member thereafter shall hold office for seven years. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled in the same manner as by original appointment, but such appointment shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs.'

—terms of office.

—vacancies, how filled.

Approved March 23, 1915.

Chapter 170.

An Act Additional to Chapter Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, Prohibiting Night Hunting.

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

Closed time on wild birds and wild animals during night.

Section 1. There shall be a closed season on wild birds in this State from sunset to sunrise of the following morning, and on wild animals from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise of the following morning, during which closed season it shall be unlawful to hunt, kill or destroy wild birds or wild animals of any kind. No person shall have in possession, at any time, any wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section.

—penalty for violation.

Section 2. Whoever violates any provision of section one of this act shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense; provided, however, that if protected wild birds or wild animals are hunted, killed, destroyed or had in possession in violation of said section the penalty shall be the same as is now imposed therefor during other closed season.

—proviso.

Approved March 24, 1915.