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in part to other loan or building associations in this state. No loan shall be made on the gross premium plan.'

Approved March 8, 1917.

Chapter 31.

An Act Additional to Chapter Sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes, and Increasing the Powers of Judges of Probate.

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

Judges of probate may perform official acts in vacation. Compensation. Judges of probate may, in vacation, do such official acts as they may do without notice in term time, at the place or places of holding regular terms of court, and they may hold hearings for matters in equity and contested cases at such time and place in the county, as the judge of probate may appoint, and make all necessary orders and decrees relating thereto, and when hearings are held at other places than those fixed for holding the regular terms of court, the judge shall be allowed, in addition to his regular salary, five dollars per day and actual expenses, which shall be paid by the estate unless otherwise provided by law.

Approved March 8, 1917.

Chapter 32.

An Act to Grant Legislative Assent to the Provisions of the Federal Aid Road Act and to Authorize the State Highway Commission to Co-operate with the Federal Government According to the Provisions of said Act.

Preamble. Whereas it is necessary to obtain legislative action in order to comply with the provisions of the federal aid road act, so that the state shall receive the aid to which it is entitled, and since it is desirable and important that work upon the roads shall begin early in the season, and whereas these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution; now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Rural post roads; provisions for co-operation with federal government. The legislative assent required by section one of the act of congress approved July eleventh nineteen hundred and sixteen, (public number 156) entitled "An Act To Provide That The United States Shall Aid The States In The Construction of Rural Post Roads And For Other Purposes" is hereby given.

The state highway commission is authorized and empowered and it is hereby made their duty to make all contracts and to do all things necessary to co-operate with the United States Government in the construction and maintenance of rural post roads under the provisions of said act of congress and to submit such comprehensive plan or program of improve-

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ments as will meet the regulations and requirements of the secretary of agriculture under the provisions of the said act, and the faith of the state to meet the said act of congress throughout the entire five year period covered by said act is hereby pledged. So much of the moneys accruing to the state highway fund available for expenditure in the construction and maintenance of state highways as may be necessary to secure federal funds apportioned to this state under the said act of congress, together with said federal funds, shall be expended upon the state highways.

Sec. 2. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 8, 1917.

Chapter 33.

An Act Additional to Chapter Forty-eight of the Revised Statutes, and giving Additional Power to Local Sealers of Weights and Measures and their Deputies.

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

Powers of local sealers of weights and measures increased. That all local sealers of weights and measures and their deputy sealers in cities and towns shall have the same power that is given the state sealer of weights and measures and deputy state sealer by section six of chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes.

Approved March 12, 1917.

Chapter 34.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Authorizing the Revision of Decrees of the Railroad Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 57, relating to public utilities commission altering or amending its decrees, amended. Section fifty-seven, chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting between the words "commission" and "and" in the fourth line thereof the words, 'or any decision, order or decree of the railroad commissioners,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 57. May revise or rescind decree or orders made by railroad commissioners. The commission may at any time upon notice to the public utility and after opportunity to be heard as provided in section forty-five, rescind, alter or amend any order fixing any rate or rates, tolls, charges or schedules or any other order made by the commission, or any decision, order or decree of the railroad commissioners, and certified copies of the same shall be served and take effect as herein provided for original orders.'

Approved March 15, 1917.