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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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in any schedule of new rates, joint rates, fares, rentals, tolls, classifications, charges, rules, regulations or forms of contract or agreement affecting the transportation of freight, and filed with said commission under the provisions of law, said commission shall have power at any time within thirty days after the effective date of such change or changes, either upon complaint or upon its own motion, and after reasonable notice, to hold a public hearing and make investigation as to the propriety of such proposed change or changes.

At any such hearing involving any change or changes as above specified the burden of proof to show that such change is reasonable shall be upon the common carrier. After such hearing and investigation the commission may make such order, within a period of not less than six months after the effective date of the schedule setting forth such change or changes with reference to any proposed new rate, joint rate, fare, rental, toll, classification, charge, rule, regulation or form of contract or agreement proposed as would be proper under existing law in a proceeding initiated upon complaint or upon motion of the commission in any rate investigation; and in cases involving an increase in an existing rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge affecting the transportation of freight, if the commission shall find that such increase is unreasonable it may, by proper order, determine and fix the maximum rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge which may thereafter be collected for the service rendered, and no rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge affecting the transportation of freight in excess thereof shall be filed within a period of one year after the making of such order; and the commission, by proper order, may require the common carrier which has filed any such increased rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge affecting the transportation of freight to refund, in such manner and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the commission, to all persons from whom charges have been collected by virtue of the schedules under investigation, any and all sums collected in excess of the rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge affecting the transportation of freight so determined and fixed by the commission as being the maximum rate, joint rate, toll, fare, rental or charge to be collected, and may require due report of the refund so made.

Approved March 16, 1917.

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## Chapter 45.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-seven of Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Investment of Deposits by Savings Institutions.

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

**R. S., c. 52, § 27, relating to investments of deposits of savings banks, amended.** Amend section twenty-seven, chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes, sub-section first, paragraph "a," by adding after the word "Columbia" in the last line of said paragraph, the following: 'and in the bonds issued by any farm loan bank organized under authority of the United States government,' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

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'First, a: May invest in bonds of farm loan banks. In the public funds of the United States and District of Columbia, and in the bonds issued by any farm loan bank organized under authority of the United States government.'

Approved March 16, 1917.

## Chapter 46.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-nine, of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Inspection of Safe-Guards and Repairs, by Town Officers or Fire Engineers.

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

**R. S., c. 30, § 39, relating to inspection of safeguards, amended.** That the last sentence in section thirty-nine of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, reading "In towns, cities and villages having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department" be stricken out and the following sentence inserted in place thereof: 'In towns, cities and villages with a population of over five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the board of engineers and in towns, cities and villages with a population of less than five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 39. Inspection to be made by board of engineers, in places of 5,000 or over.** In towns or parts of towns having no organized fire department, the municipal officers shall annually make, or direct the fire inspector to make, careful inspection of the precautions and safeguards provided in compliance with the foregoing requirements, and pass upon their sufficiency as to arrangement and number, and upon their state of repair; and direct such alterations, additions and repairs as they adjudge necessary. In towns, cities and villages with a population of over five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the board of engineers and in towns, cities and villages with a population of less than five thousand, having an organized fire department, the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department.'

Approved March 16, 1917.

## Chapter 47.

An Act Additional to Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Purity of Elections.

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

**Check list to be returned to clerk within 24 hours after close of polls.** Wardens of cities and selectmen of towns, shall, within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls in their respective polling districts, at any election, return the check list now provided by law for towns, wards, voting precincts and voting districts, to the clerk of their respective cities and