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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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or over such crossing. This provision shall be deemed to require a precaution in addition to those now described by law or otherwise required with reference to the duties of persons on a highway approaching a railroad grade crossing.

**Sec. 4. Penalty for violation and jurisdiction.** Any person violating the foregoing section upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars and jurisdiction over such offenses is hereby conferred upon municipal and police courts and trials justices within the state.

**Sec. 5. Expense borne by the state.** The expense of the erection and maintenance of each warning sign mentioned in any section hereof shall be borne by the state, bills therefor to be approved by the governor and council, and paid out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

**Sec. 6. Penalty for destruction or defacement.** Any person who unlawfully removes, throws down, injures or defaces any such warning sign, shall be fined therefor not less than ten dollars; and jurisdiction over such offenses is hereby conferred on each trial justice and municipal or police court judge, recorder and clerk, in the state.

Approved March 19, 1917.

## Chapter 51.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Seventeen of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Employment of Agents for Schools in Unorganized Townships.

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

**R. S., c. 16, § 117, relating to employment of school agents in unorganized townships, amended.** Section one hundred seventeen of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "two thousand two hundred" in the ninth line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words 'three thousand' so that said section when amended shall read as follow:

**'Sec. 117. State superintendent may expend \$3,000.** The state superintendent of public schools may appoint agents for the several townships in which schools shall be established under section one hundred and fifteen, who shall, under the direction of the state superintendent, enumerate the pupils, assess and collect the per capita tax, employ the teacher and attend to all necessary details in connection with said school; for which purpose the state superintendent is hereby authorized to expend annually from the appropriation for the support of schools in unorganized townships a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars. Said agents in the collection of the per capita tax aforesaid, shall have the same powers and may use the same methods as collectors of taxes in towns are authorized to exercise and use for the collecting of personal and poll taxes committed to them; said agents may act as truant officers in their several townships, and may in their discretion compel the regular daily attendance at school of every child in their townships between the seventh and seventeenth anniversaries of his birth by arresting and taking to school any

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child when absent therefrom, and any parent or guardian of any such child or children, wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to attend school or opposing said agent in arresting and taking said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and if found guilty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the schools in the township wherein said children are residents, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days. The state superintendent may supply school books for the schools established under said sections under such conditions as to the purchase and care thereof as he may deem proper.'

Approved March 19, 1917.

## Chapter 52.

An Act to Amend Section Three of Chapter Ten of the Revised Statutes Defining what Constitutes Real Estate for the Purposes of Taxation.

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

**R. S., c. 10, § 3, relating to real estate for purposes of taxation, amended.** Section three of chapter ten of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "taxation" in the ninth and tenth lines of said section the words 'also transmission lines of electric light and power companies' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 3. Transmission lines of electric light and power companies to be taxed as real estate.** Real estate, for the purposes of taxation, except as provided in section six, includes all lands in the state, together with the water power, shore privileges and rights, forest and mineral deposits appertaining thereto, and all buildings erected on or affixed to the same, and all townships and tracts of land, the fee of which has passed from the state since the year eighteen hundred fifty, and all interests in timber upon public lands derived by permits granted by the commonwealth of Massachusetts; interest and improvements in land, the fee of which is in the state; and interest by contract or otherwise in land exempt from taxation; also transmission lines of electric light and power companies. There shall be a lien to secure the payment of all taxes legally assessed on real estate as defined in this section, which shall take precedence of all other claims on said real estate and interests, and shall continue in force until said taxes are paid.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

## Chapter 53.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-four of Chapter Twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Registration of Manufacturers and Dealers in Motor Vehicles.

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

**R. S., c. 26, § 24, relating to dealers' registration of motor vehicles, amended.** Section twenty-four of chapter twenty-six of the revised stat-