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of, conceals or has in his possession any motor vehicle, as defined in section fifteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes, from which the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of the said motor vehicle, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 55.

An Act to Amend Sections, Five and Forty of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Boards of Registration of Voters.

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

Sec. 1, R. S., c. 5, § 5, relating to boards of registration of voters, amended.. Section five of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-five hundred" in the second, fifth and tenth lines thereof respectively, and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Boards to be maintained in cities of 3,000. In each city of the state having three thousand or more inhabitants, a board of registration appointed as provided in the following section shall have exclusive power and authority to make up, correct and revise the list of voters in each of said cities. In all cities having less than three thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers shall make such list, exercising the same powers and being governed by the same laws as municipal officers of towns having five hundred or more registered voters; provided that no city having a board of registration shall be deprived of said board of registration by reason of the population thereof becoming less than three thousand.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 40, relating to correction of voting list in towns and small cities, amended. Section forty of said chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "thirty-five hundred" in the third line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 40. Municipal officers to supervise lists in cities of less than 3,000. In all towns, cities not included, having five hundred or more registered voters, and in all cities having less than three thousand inhabitants, the municipal officers shall receive applications of persons claiming a right to vote, on the three secular days next preceding the day of election, and no application shall be received after the hour of five in the afternoon on the secular day next preceding the day of election; and no names shall be added to the list of voters on the day of election, by certificate or otherwise, except such as were upon the list used at the

last preceding election, and have been inadvertently omitted by the se-
lectmen; and on that day no change shall be made in names except to
correct clerical errors therein.'

<div align="center">Approved March 22, 1917.</div>

Chapter 56.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-one of Chapter Eighty-three of the Revised Stat-
utes, Relating to the Authority of County Commisssioners to Procure Tempor-
ary Loans.

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

**R. S., c. 83, § 21, relating to authority of Cumberland and Kennebec
counties to procure temporary loans, amended.** Section twenty-one of
chapter eighty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding
to said section the following: 'The county commissioners of each and
every other county may under the same conditions make temporary
loans not exceeding one-tenth of one per cent. of the assessed valuation
of their respective counties,' so that said section, as amended, shall read
as follows:

'**Sec. 21. Other county commissioners may make loans not to exceed
one-tenth of one per cent. of valuaion.** The county commissioners of
Cumberland and Kennebec counties may, without obtaining the consent
of their respective counties, raise, by temporary loan to be paid within one
year from the time when the same is contracted, sums not exceeding sev-
enty-five thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars respectively, in any
year for use of their respective counties, and cause notes or obligations of
their respective counties with coupons for lawful interest to be issued for
payment thereof as aforesaid. The county commissioners of each and
every other county may under the same conditions make temporary loans
not exceeding one-tenth of one per cent. of the assessed valuation of their
respective counties.

<div align="center">Approved March 22, 1917.</div>

Chapter 57.

An Act to Require Cities and Towns to Decorate the Graves of Veteran Soldiers
and Sailors, and Authorizing the Appropriation of Money for that Purpose.

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

Towns required to decorate graves of soldiers and sailors.
Each and every city, town and plantation by its town or plantation
officers, is hereby required to decorate the graves of veterans (soldiers
and sailors) with an American flag and such other floral decorations as
in the opinion of said town, city or plantation officers shall be deemed ad-
visable, on Decoration Day, May thirtieth of each year. Each and every
said city, town and plantation is hereby empowered to raise by taxa-
tion a sufficient amount of money to pay for said American flags and
other floral decorations above mentioned.

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