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Chapter 59.

An Act to Amend Sections Fifty-one and Fifty-two of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Payment by the State of the Burial Expenses of Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 4, § 51, relating to burial expenses of destitute soldiers and sailors, amended. Section fifty-one of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the second line thereof after the word "who" the word 'has', and striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "during the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one or during the war with Spain, or during the war with Mexico" and by striking out in the eighth and ninth lines thereof the words "during the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one or during the war with Spain, or during the war with Mexico," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 51. All persons honorably discharged from army, navy or marine corps of United States included.** Whenever any person who has served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom, shall die, being at the time of his death a resident of this state and in destitute circumstances, the state shall pay the necessary expenses of his burial; or whenever the widow of any person who served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom shall die, being at the time of her death a resident of this state and being in destitute circumstances and having no kindred living within this state and of sufficient ability legally liable for her support, the state shall pay the necessary expenses of her burial; such expenses shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars in any case, and the burial shall be in some cemetery not used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 4, § 52, relating to reimbursement of towns amended. Section fifty-two of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the eleventh line thereof the words "a certificate" and substituting therefor the word 'certificates,' and inserting after the word "the" the following words, 'adjutant general of the state and the,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 52. Adjutant general to furnish certificates.** The municipal officers of the city or town in which such deceased resided at the time of his death, shall pay the expenses of his burial, and if he die in an unincorporated place, the town charged with the support of paupers in such unincorporated place, shall pay such expenses, and in either case upon satisfactory proof by such town or city to the governor and council of the fact of such death and payment, the governor shall authorize the treasurer of state to refund said town or city the amount so paid, provided, however, that the person whose burial expenses are paid in accordance with the provisions of this section and the preceding section shall not be constituted a pauper thereby; said proof shall contain certificates from the ad-

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jutant general of the state and the post commander of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located nearest the town or city which paid said burial expenses, stating that such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor and in destitute circumstances, or the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor and in destitute circumstances, and having no kindred of sufficient ability, resident in this state legally liable for her burial expenses.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 60.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Ten of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Teachers' Associations.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 110, relating to formation of teachers' associations, amended. Section one hundred ten of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting the words 'five hundred' after the word "thousand" in the tenth line thereof and by striking out all of said section following the word "state" in the twelfth line thereof so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 110. \$1,500 for expenses of county conventions. Prohibition as to number of conventions and associations in each county repealed. Whenever not less than thirty of the teachers and school officers of any county shall have formed an association under rules of government approved by the state superintendent of public schools, for the purpose of mutual improvement in the science and art of teaching, and of creating popular interest in, and diffusing a knowledge of the best methods of improving our public school system, by the holding of conventions at least once every year under the supervision of the state superintendent, the state shall defray the necessary expenses attending the holding of such conventions, for which purpose the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars is hereby annually appropriated to be deducted and set aside therefor by the treasurer of state from the annual school fund of the state.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 61.

An Act to Amend Section Eight of Chapter Forty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Local Sealers of Weights and Measures.

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

R. S., c. 48, § 8, relating to local sealers of weights and measures, amended. Section eight of chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that said section eight shall read as follows:

'Section 8. Municipal officers to elect for indefinite term. Removable only for neglect. State sealer to have jurisdiction. The municipal officers of each town shall elect a sealer of weights and measures, also a