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Chapter 67.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-five of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Payment of Tuition by Towns not Maintaining Standard Schools of Secondary Grade.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 75, relating to obligation of towns to pay tuition, amended. Section seventy-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "school" in the sixth line thereof the following words: 'or of a school of equal grade,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 75. Pupil entitled to tuition upon completion of two years course in school of equal grade with class B. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in class A of section seventy-three, shall not be obliged to pay tuition under sections eighty-five and eighty-six of this chapter. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in class B of section seventy-three shall not be obliged to pay tuition for any pupil until he has completed the first two years of the course of the class B school, or of a school of equal grade, and for only two years of subsequent work. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in class C of section seventy-three, shall be obliged to pay tuition for such portion of a four years course as may be determined by the state superintendent of public schools.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 68.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-four of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Challenging of the Right of a Person to Vote.

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

R. S., c. 5 § 24, relating to challenge of person's right to vote, amended. Section twenty-four of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "ward," in the sixth line of said section the words 'and upon such ballot so challenged, witnessed by two election officers representing two different parties,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Note of challenge to be made upon ballot. Any qualified elector in said cities may challenge the right of any person to vote in any ward of said cities at any election held therein and shall be given the opportunity by the presiding officer thereof, to make such challenge, and such presiding officer shall note the fact of such challenge upon the voting list used in such ward, and upon such ballot so challenged, witnessed by two election officers representing two different parties. But before permitting a person so challenged to vote the warden shall cause him to state his place and date of birth; occupation; place of business; whether married or single; if married, the name and residence of his

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wife; how long a resident of the city, and where his last vote was cast, which answers shall be reduced to writing on blanks furnished for that purpose by the city clerk, and signed by the voter, whose signature shall be witnessed by two election officers representing two different parties. The warden shall promptly return all such records to the city clerk who shall keep them on file for public inspection for one year. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and be punishable as provided in section twenty-nine of this chapter.'

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 69.

An Act to Amend Section Nineteen of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Sessions of the Boards of Registration in Cities with over Thirty-five Thousand Inhabitants.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 19, relating to procedure of boards of registration, amended. Section nineteen of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the first sentence thereof, 'and in cities of not less than thirty-five thousand inhabitants said board shall be in session the sixty secular days prior to any state or municipal election; on the first twenty of said days said boards shall be in session from nine o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon, and on the next ten secular days the said boards shall be in session from nine o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon and from three o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to nine o'clock in the afternoon, to receive evidence and to determine the qualifications and rights of registration of voters therein, and to revise and correct the voting lists; and on the latter thirty of said sixty secular days said boards shall be in session to enable said boards to verify the correctness of the voting lists and to close up the records of said boards, and to hear and determine the right of any person, whose right has been challenged, to have his name added to or remain on said list or be stricken from the same. In cities of not less than thirty-five thousand inhabitants registration prior to any presidential election shall be held during the days and hours fixed by this section for the registration of voters for the municipal election next following,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 19. Procedure in cities of not less than 35,000. Date and hours of holding sessions. Said boards of registration shall be in session from nine in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven to nine o'clock in the afternoon, in cities of not less than nineteen thousand inhabitants, on each of the twelve secular days next prior to any election; on the first nine of said secular days, to receive evidence touching the qualifications of voters therein, and to revise and correct the voting lists, and on the latter three of said secular days, to enable the board to verify the correctness