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made, a certificate signed by a majority of the board, giving the corrected name and residence of such person, and directed to the officer presiding over the election; such officer shall on receipt of such certificate, allow the person therein named to vote and shall check his name on the certificate, and securely attach the certificate to the voting list.'

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 70.

An Act to Amend Section Fourteen of Chapter Fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Extension of Charters of Street Railroads.

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

R. S., c. 58, § 14, relating to authority of public utilities commission to extend or revive charter of street railroads, amended. Section fourteen of chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words, "a period not exceeding three years," in the second and third lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words, 'successive periods of not exceeding three years each,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Time limit increased to successive periods of three years each. The public utilities commission may extend the corporate existence and powers of such corporation for successive periods of not exceeding three years each, or may revive such corporate existence and powers for a like period after the same shall have ceased as provided in the preceding section. Said commission, if they deem it expedient, and if the same be prayed for, may include in such extension any rights or powers granted to such corporation by special law, and in such case all rights and powers of such corporation, whether existing under this chapter or under any special law, shall continue in full force for the period not exceeding three years determined by the commission; provided, however, that before decreeing such extension or revival, notice shall be given and hearing had as provided by section seven.'

Approved March 23, 1917.

Chapter 71.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-four of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Fishing for Smelts in West Bay and West Bay Stream.

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

R. S., c. 45, § 74, relating to regulation of smelt fishing, amended Section seventy-four of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "nor to smelts taken in West Bay and West Bay stream, so-called, in the town of Gouldsboro, Hancock county," in the thirty-first and thirty-second lines of said section, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

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'Sec. 74. Exception as to West Bay and West Bay stream, in Gouldsboro, repealed. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters, nor in any brook, stream or river emptying into tide-waters within one thousand feet of tide-water, except by hook and line, between the first days of April and October, under a penalty of not less than ten, nor more than thirty dollars for each offense, and a further penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts shall be open and so remain, and all nets used in the smelt and tomcod fishery shall be taken from the water on or before said first day of April under a penalty of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars, and a further fine of five dollars for each day that any such weir or net remains in violation of the law. But weirs with catch pounds covered with nets, the meshes of which are one inch square in the clear, or greater or weirs with catch pounds covered with nets which are erected and used for the catching of herring are not subject to this section. But no smelts caught in such weirs after the first day of April, shall be sold or offered for sale in this state, nor shall smelts caught in any manner between the first day of April and the first day of October following be offered for sale, sold or shipped from the state under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offense; provided, however, that dip nets may be used between the first day of April and the first day of May, and all smelts caught by dip-nets between said days may be lawfully offered for sale and sold in this state; provided, further, that this section does not apply to smelts taken in the Androscoggin river above the Merrymeeting Bay bridge, or in Narraguagus bay or river between the first days of October and November, nor to smelts taken in the Penobscot river and its tributaries between the first and thirtieth days of April, nor to smelts taken in Casco bay between the fifteenth day of September and the first day of October, nor to smelts taken in Franklin bay, between the first day of April and the first day of May, nor to smelts taken in Little Kennebec bay, so called, or in Narraguagus bay or river, in the county of Washington, between the first day of April and the twentieth day of May, nor to smelts taken in Tunk stream and Parritt and Whitten stream, so called, in the town of Steuben, in Washington county, between the first day of April and the first day of May, nor to smelts taken in Passamaquoddy bay, St. Croix river and Cobscook bay and the coves and inlets tributary to these bays between the first day of September and the first day of October.'

Approved March 23. 1917.

Chapter 72.

An Act Providing for the Relief of Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians Found Destitute beyond Tribal Reservations.

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

Towns to be reimbursed for aid extended to Passamaquoddy Indians. When any member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians is found destitute and in distress beyond the tribal reservation and is relieved by the