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of expiration of such leave of absence grant an extension of time for another six months,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 34. Superintendents may grant extension of time. The superintendent of either hospital may permit any inmate thereof to leave such institution, temporarily, in charge of his guardian, relatives, friends, or by himself for a period not exceeding six months, and may receive him when returned by any such guardian, relatives, friends, or upon his own application within such period, without any further order of commitment, and the liability of the state, or of any person by bond given for the care, support and treatment of such insane person as originally committed, shall remain in full force and unimpaired upon the return of such person as if he had remained continuously in such hospital. The superintendent of either hospital with the approval of the board of trustees may on receipt of formal application in writing before the date of expiration of such leave of absence grant an extension of time for another six months.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

Chapter 91.

An Act Additional to Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes Relating to Limitation of Actions to Recover Money Paid on Forged Signatures.

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

Actions to recover money on account of payment by trust companies or institutions for savings to be begun within 3 years. No action at law or in equity, to recover money by any depositor, shall be maintained against any savings bank, institution for savings, or trust company, if the depositor denies the signature on any order drawn on any saving bank, institution for savings, or savings deposit or certificates of deposit in any trust company, or on any receipt for payment by such savings bank, institution for savings, or trust company, unless such action is begun, and service made thereon, within three years from the date of such payment.

Approved March 26, 1917.

Chapter 92.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-two of Chapter Two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Deposit of State Funds.

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

R. S., c. 2, § 62, relating to deposit of state funds, amended. Section sixty-two of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 62. Amount of deposit limited to 25 per cent of capital and surplus. The treasurer may deposit the moneys of the state in any of the

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banking institutions or trust companies organized under the laws of this state or in any national bank or banks located therein. No sum exceeding an amount equal to twenty-five per cent. of the capital and surplus of any one bank or banking institution shall be deposited therein. The above restriction shall not apply to deposits actually made to meet the payment of any bonded debts or interest or warrants of the governor and council.'

Approved March 26, 1917.

Chapter 93.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-seven, Chapter Fifty-five, Revised Statutes, Relating to Orders of the Public Utilities Commission and Their Enforcement.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 47, relating to public utilities conforming to orders of commission amended. Section forty-seven, chapter fifty-five, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding the following words:

'The supreme judicial court shall have full jurisdiction at law and in equity, upon application of the commission or of the attorney general, to enforce all orders of the commission and the performance by public utilities of all duties imposed by law upon them, including the appointment of receivers, agents and special masters to carry its orders and the orders of said commission into effect and clothing them with adequate authority therefor,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 47. Supreme judicial court to enforce orders of commission. Every public utility to which such order applies shall make such changes in its schedules on file as may be necessary to make the same conform to said order; and no change thereafter shall be made by any public utility in any such rates, tolls or charges or in any joint rate or rates without the approval of the commission. Copies of all orders of the commission, certified by the clerk, shall be delivered to the public utility affected thereby and the same shall take effect within such time thereafter as the commission shall prescribe. The supreme judicial court shall have full jurisdiction at law and in equity, upon application of the commission or of the attorney general, to enforce all orders of the commission and the performance by public utilities of all duties imposed by law upon them, including the appointment of receivers, agents and special masters to carry its orders and the orders of said commission into effect and clothing them with adequate authority therefor.'

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