

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## CHAP. 116

**'Sec 1. Term increased to four years. May be removed only for cause. Shall give bond. Not to receive fees or remuneration from banking house, etc.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a bank commissioner, who shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, and who may be removed from office by the governor and council for cause, and shall not during his continuance in office hold any office in any bank in the state, nor receive directly or indirectly any remuneration or fee of any kind from any bank, banking house, corporation, association or individual for examining any property or properties or securities. He shall give bond with sureties in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be approved by the state treasurer for the faithful performance of his duties, and the expense of securing said bond shall be paid by the state.'

**Sec. 2. Term of present commissioner not affected.** Nothing contained in this act shall affect, modify, or control the term of the present incumbent, but this act shall affect and control the term of any incumbent of said office appointed after the date of the approval of this act.

Approved March 29, 1917.

## Chapter 116.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Providing for the Payment by the County of Expenses Incurred by County Attorneys.

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

**R. S., c. 138, § 1, relating to disposition of fines and payment of necessary expenses, in criminal cases, amended.** Section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "accrued" in the eighth line of said section the words 'including actual expenses incurred by county attorneys in the performance of their official duties, payment of which is hereby expressly provided,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Expenses of county attorneys to be audited by county commissioners and paid by county.** All fines, forfeitures and costs in criminal cases shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted, for the use of such county, and all the costs and expenses attending the administration of criminal justice therein, shall be paid by said county, unless otherwise specially provided. The supreme judicial court, and the superior courts shall allow bills of costs accruing therein, but all other costs and expenses in criminal cases shall be audited by the commissioners of the county where they accrued, including actual expenses incurred by county attorneys in the performance of their official duties, payment of which is hereby expressly provided. Clerks of courts shall attest duplicate copies of all bills of costs allowed therein, and certificates of all fines and forfeitures imposed and accruing to the county, before the rising of the court, or immediately after, and deliver one of said copies

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and certificates to the county treasurer, and retain one for the use of the county commissioners.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

## Chapter 117.

An Act in Relation to Vacancies in Public Office.

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

Public office deemed vacant if person appointed or elected is unable to qualify. Whenever any person elected or appointed to any public office is ineligible, dies or becomes incapacitated before qualifying for said office as required by law, the office shall be regarded as vacant for the purpose of filling the office by a new election or by appointment.

Approved March 29, 1917.

## Chapter 118.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Election of County Treasurers.

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

R. S., c. 13, § 1, relating to the election and eligibility of county treasurers, amended. Section one of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines of said section the words "be chosen treasurer at each biennial state election," and inserting in place thereof the following: 'on the second Monday of September, nineteen hundred eighteen, and every four years thereafter, be chosen treasurer,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Tenure of office increased to four years.** In each county some resident thereof shall, on the second Monday of September, nineteen hundred eighteen, and every four years thereafter, be chosen treasurer by the ballots of persons authorized by the constitution to vote for representatives. Neither the attorney general, county attorney, clerk of courts, sheriff of the county nor any of his deputies, shall be county treasurer.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

## Chapter 119.

An Act Additional to Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Payment of Benefits.

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

Life insurance companies not to contract to pay benefits in anything but money. No corporation organized or authorized under the laws of this state to transact life insurance or to pay benefits shall provide in any policy, certificate, contract, or agreement issued or made by it, for the payment of