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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

any insurance, idemnity, or benefit, in services, goods, wares, or merchandise of any kind.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 120.

An Act to Amend Section Seventeen of Chapter One Hundred Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Examination and Commitment of Persons to Insane Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 17, relating to commitment to insane hospitals, by municipal officers, amended. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "trustees" in the nineteenth line thereof, the words: 'Pending the issue of such certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physician's certificate, which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physician the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint or detention is necessary for his comfort and safety, and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate hereinbefore provided for, the detention of such person shall cease,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Patients may be received without certificate of municipal officers. Shall not be detained longer than ten days unless certificate is furnished. Insane persons, not thus sent to any hospital, shall be subject to examination as hereinafter provided. The municipal officers of towns shall constitute a board of examiners, and on complaint in writing of any blood relative, husband or wife of said alleged insane person, or of any justice of the peace, they shall immediately inquire into the condition of any person in said town alleged to be insane; shall appoint a time and place for a hearing by them of the allegations of said complaint, and shall cause to be given in hand to the person so alleged to be insane, at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of said hearing, a true copy of said complaint, together with a notice of the time and place of said hearing and that he has the right and will be given opportunity then and there to be heard in the matter; shall call before them all testimony necessary for a full understanding of the case; and if they think such person insane and that his comfort and safety or that of others interested, will thereby be promoted, they shall forthwith send him to one of the insane hospitals with a certificate stating the fact of his insanity, and the town in which he resided or was found at the time of examination, and directing the superintendent to receive and detain him until he is restored or discharged by law, or by the superintendent or trustees. Pending the issue of such certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such