

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

Including Acts and Resolves of the Special Session of the  
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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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**'Sec. 30. Kindergartens to be established when petitioned for. Qualifications of teacher.** The age of pupils allowed to attend the public schools of the state is hereby fixed between the ages of five and twenty-one years; and every child between the said ages shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, subject to such reasonable regulations as to the numbers and qualifications of pupils to be admitted to the respective schools and as to other school matters as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe; provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or town of a petition not less than one month before the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of thirty or more children between four and six years of age living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a kindergarten or kindergartens as a part of the common school course, and pupils shall be allowed to attend such a kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of four years; provided further, that unless the average daily attendance in any kindergarten shall be fifteen or more for any school year the superintending school committee, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, may discontinue the school; provided further, that no person shall be allowed to teach in any kindergarten maintained under the provisions of this section who has not completed at least a two years' course in kindergarten training and received a certificate or diploma from a recognized kindergarten training school approved by the state superintendent of public schools.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

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## Chapter 135.

An Act to Amend Sections Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Notice by Public Utilities of Changes in Rates.

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

**R. S., c. 55, § 28 and § 29, relating to change in public utility rates, amended.** Sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 28. Thirty days' notice to be given commission. New rates to be filed thirty days before effective. Commission may use discretion.** No change shall hereafter be made in any schedule, including schedules of joint rates, except upon thirty days' notice to the commission, and all such changes shall be plainly indicated upon existing schedules by filing new schedules in lieu thereof thirty days prior to the time the same are to take effect: Provided, that the commission may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, allow changes upon less than the notice herein specified, or modify the requirements of this section and the following section in respect to publishing, posting and filing of tariffs, either in par-

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ticular instances or by a general order applicable to special or peculiar circumstances or conditions.'

'Sec. 29. New tariffs to be filed at offices of company thirty days before effective. Commission may prescribe less time. Copies of all new schedules shall be filed as hereinbefore provided in every station and office of such public utility, where payments are made by customers or users thirty days prior to the time the same are to take effect, unless the commission shall prescribe a less time as provided in the preceding section.'

Approved March 30, 1917.

## Chapter 136.

An Act to Amend Section Eighty-two of Chapter One Hundred Fifteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Support of Debtors in Jail.

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

R. S., c. 115, § 82, relating to dispute as to price of support of poor debtors in jail, amended. Section eighty-two of chapter one hundred fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "two dollars and twenty-five cents a week" in the third line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words, 'not exceeding fifty cents a day,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 82. County commissioners may fix price not to exceed fifty cents per day. In case of dispute about the price of such support, the county commissioners may determine it, not exceeding fifty cents a day.'

Approved March 30, 1917.

## Chapter 137.

An Act to Provide for the Registration of Teachers.

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

Sec. 1. Teachers may register with state superintendent. Lists to be furnished upon request. Registration fee. Any person holding a state teachers' certificate and any person holding a temporary teaching permit, or eligible to receive such a permit may, upon the payment of three dollars and upon application to the state superintendent of public schools in such manner as may be prescribed by him, register as a candidate for employment as a teacher in the public schools within the state. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent of public schools to furnish to superintending school committees or superintendents of schools, upon request, information relative to persons registered as hereinbefore provided, and to furnish persons thus registered information relative to vacancies in positions in public schools within the state; but neither the state superintendent