

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

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1917

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## Chapter 150.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter Thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, Providing for the Appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

**R. S., c. 34, § 1, relating to state department of agriculture, amended.** Section one of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following words:

'The commissioner of agriculture may, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a deputy commissioner of agriculture, who shall be the chief of one of the department bureaus in the department of agriculture and shall perform the duties of the commissioner of agriculture during his absence, in addition to his duties as chief of a department bureau. The deputy commissioner shall hold office during the term of office of the commissioner or until his successor is appointed, and his compensation and expenses shall be paid from any funds appropriated for the use of the department bureau of which he is chief,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Commissioner may appoint a deputy; term and salary.** A state department of agriculture shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry. A commissioner of agriculture shall be elected biennially by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention and shall hold his office for the term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the state, with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved by the treasurer of state, conditioned to faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him as said commissioner. The commissioner of agriculture may, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a deputy commissioner of agriculture, who shall be the chief of one of the department bureaus in the department of agriculture and shall perform the duties of the commissioner of agriculture during his absence, in addition to his duties as chief of a department bureau. The deputy commissioner shall hold office during the term of office of the commissioner or until his successor is appointed, and his compensation and expenses shall be paid from any funds appropriated for the use of the department bureau of which he is chief.'

Approved March 31, 1917.

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## Chapter 151.

An Act to Enable the Chief Engineer of the State Highway Commission to Convey a Certain Lot or Parcel of Land Owned by the State of Maine to the European & North American Railroad.

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

**Authorizing conveyance of certain real estate by state to European & North American Railroad.** Whereas the state highway commission has

entered into an agreement which necessitates the conveying of a certain lot or parcel of land owned by the State of Maine to the European & North American Railroad, therefore,

Be it enacted that the chief engineer of the state highway commission is hereby empowered and authorized in the name of the State of Maine to convey to the European & North American Railroad a certain lot or parcel of land situated on Treat & Webster island in Old Town, county of Penobscot and State of Maine, being the same premises conveyed to the State of Maine by Charles L. Perkins and Fannie M. Perkins, his wife, on the ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and recorded in the registry of deeds, county of Penobscot, volume eight hundred seventy-three, page one hundred ninety-one, to which deed and record reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the premises which the chief engineer of the state highway commission is hereby authorized to convey to the European & North American Railroad.

Approved April 2, 1917.

## Chapter 152.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-eight of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Salary of the Judge of Probate of York County.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 117, § 32, relating to compensation of judges of probate, amended.** Section thirty-eight, chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is amended by striking out, after the word York, in the twentieth line thereof, the words "thirteen hundred" and inserting in the place thereof, the words 'one thousand six hundred,' so that the same as amended shall read:

**'Sec. 38. Salary increased in York county.** Judges of probate in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasurers of the counties in quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July and October as follows: Androscoggin, one thousand dollars; Aroostook, twelve hundred dollars; Cumberland, three thousand dollars; Franklin, six hundred dollars; Hancock, eleven hundred dollars; Kennebec, seventeen hundred dollars; Knox, seven hundred dollars; Lincoln, five hundred dollars; Oxford, one thousand dollars; Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars; Piscataquis, six hundred dollars; Sagadahoc, eight hundred dollars; Somerset, eight hundred dollars; Waldo, seven hundred dollars; Washington, eight hundred dollars; York, one thousand six hundred dollars; and the fees to which they are entitled by law, except the fee provided in section forty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-five, shall be taxed and collected and paid over by the registers of probate to the county treasurers for the use of their counties.'

Approved April 3, 1917.