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Chapter 183.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-two of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Salary of the Clerk of the Board of State Assessors.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 32, relating to salaries and clerk of state board of assessors, amended. Section thirty-two of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twelve" in the fifth line and substituting the word 'fifteen', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 32. Annual salary of clerk increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.** Each member of the board of state assessors shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars; they shall also receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The clerk of the board of state assessors shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 184.

An Act Relating to the Place of Payment in this State of Dividends Declared by Foreign Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

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

Dividend of foreign mutual fire insurance company; when and where payable. Any dividend due from a foreign mutual fire insurance company under a policy of insurance issued by it shall be payable at the place of business of its duly commissioned agent in this state seven days subsequent to a demand for the payment thereof made by the assured or by his authorized representative; upon failure to so make such payment, an action therefor may be maintained.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 185.

An Act in Relation to the Duties of County Attorneys.

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

Sec. 1. County attorneys to speedily prosecute to final judgment and sentence all criminal cases. Every county attorney, unless he makes an order of dismissal as hereinafter provided, shall diligently and without delay prosecute to final judgment and sentence all criminal cases before the supreme judicial court and superior court of his county.

Sec. 2. Civil cases, in which state is party, to be prosecuted by him. Shall institute scire facias in case of defaulted sureties. He shall prosecute

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to final judgment and execution all civil cases in which the state is a party in his county, and shall institute scire facias against sureties on any recognizance upon which the principal and sureties have been defaulted, before the term next succeeding that at which such default was entered upon the docket of the court, unless by order in open court the presiding justice shall grant a delay in matters of scire facias.

Sec. 3. Dismissal of civil or criminal cases. In order to dismiss civil or criminal cases the county attorney shall endorse upon the back of the writ, indictment or complaint in such cases a written order of dismissal, together with a statement of reasons for dismissal and said order of dismissal shall not take effect unless approved in writing by the justice presiding at the term when the dismissal herein approved of is made.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 186.

An Act to Accept the Benefits of an Act of Congress to Provide for the Promotion of Vocational Education.

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

Sec. 1. State to co-operate with federal government in matter of vocational education. That the State of Maine does hereby accept the benefits of an act passed by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled entitled "An act to provide for the promotion of vocational education; to provide for cooperation with the states in the promotion of such education in agriculture and the trades and industries; to provide for cooperation with the states in the preparation of teachers of vocational subjects; and to appropriate money and regulate its expenditure," approved February twenty-third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and will observe and comply with all the requirements of said act.

Sec. 2. State board created; state superintendent of schools chairman. That a state board is hereby created for the purposes of the said act, and is hereby given all necessary power to cooperate with the federal board of vocational education in the administration of the provisions of the act. Said board shall consist of three members of whom the state superintendent of public school shall serve as chairman and the other two members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council for terms of three years. The said board shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 3. Treasurer of state custodian of appropriations. The treasurer of state is hereby designated as custodian for all appropriations received by the state under the provisions of the act and he shall receive and provide for the proper custody and distribution of all money paid to the state from said appropriations.

Approved April 3, 1917.