

# 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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and paid to the state auditor and charged to the appropriation for his department. He may employ in his department one permanent clerk at a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, and such additional assistants as the governor and council may approve, and as may be necessary for the dispatch of public business.

The state auditor shall appoint a superintendent of public printing, as provided in section thirty-seven of chapter three, whose appointment shall be approved by the governor and council. He shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

## Chapter 200.

An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, Providing for an Increase in the Number of Licensed Detectives.

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

**R. S., c. 132, § 13, relating to state detectives, amended.** Section thirteen of chapter one hundred thirty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "twenty-five" in the second line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'thirty-five', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'**Sec. 13. Maximum number increased from twenty-five to thirty-five.** The governor, with the advice of the council, may license not exceeding thirty-five licensed detectives for the detection, prevention and punishment of crime, to serve for the term of four years, unless such license is sooner revoked for cause. Each person so licensed shall give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, with two sureties, approved by the governor and council, conditioned for the proper discharge of the services which he may perform by virtue of such license; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer on any person so licensed, any of the power and authority of sheriffs or police officers, except in cases of felonies and offenses under chapter one hundred and twenty-two and the first twelve sections of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven. No person so licensed shall advertise or represent himself as a state detective, under penalty of the forfeiture of his license and a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, to be recovered upon complaint.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

## Chapter 201.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter Thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Term of Office of the 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 striking out the second sentence thereof and inserting in its place

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the following: 'A commissioner of agriculture shall be elected by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention, and shall hold his office for the term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified,' and said section is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: 'This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred nineteen,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Term of commissioner increased from two to four years.** 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 by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention, and shall hold his office for the term of four 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. This act shall take effect January first nineteen hundred nineteen.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

## Chapter 202.

An Act to Amend Section Nine of Chapter Twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Prohibiting the Treatment of Army and Navy Veterans as Paupers.

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

**R. S., c. 29, § 9, relating to soldiers and sailors not being treated as paupers, amended.** Section nine of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the fifth line of said section between the word "name" and the word "and" the following: 'And no pensioner of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, who is a bona fide resident of the State of Maine and enlisted therefrom, who has been honorably discharged from the service of the United States for disability contracted while in the line of duty, and been duly pensioned therefor', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Provisions made to include all pensioners of U. S. army, navy or marine corps, discharged for disability.** No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or in the war with Spain, and who has received an honorable discharge from all enlistment in said service, whether in his own proper name or an assumed name and no pensioner of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, who is a bona fide resident of the State of Maine and enlisted therefrom, who has been honorably discharged from the service of the United States for disability contracted while in the line of duty, and been duly pensioned therefor, and who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be