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# Acts and Resolves

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1917

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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

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subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poorhouse, any such dependent soldier or sailor or his family; the word "family" here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support, who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of his settlement shall support them at his own home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other than the poorhouse, as the overseers of the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. In case of violation of this section the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow them to remain in such poorhouse, after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars a day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his settlement as herein provided.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

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## Chapter 203.

An Act to Amend Section Ten of Chapter One Hundred Thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appointment of Probation Officers.

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

R. S., c. 137, § 10, relating to probation officers, amended. Section ten of chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words, "shall, on recommendation of the county commissioners of any county, appoint therein," in the the second and third lines of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words, 'shall appoint in any county of the state where in his judgment such appointment is advisable,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Governor to appoint; recommendation of county commissioners not necessary. The governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint in any county of the state where in his judgment such appointment is advisable, one probation officer, who shall be a male citizen of the county in which he is appointed and of good moral character; he shall hold office during the pleasure of such governor and council, and shall receive as his compensation such sum as the county commissioners of his county shall fix, which shall be paid from the county treasury in equal monthly instalments. The county commissioners of such county shall at their next session after such appointment by the governor, determine and fix the amount of such compensation, which shall not be diminished during the term of office of a probation officer, but may be increased if it seems just to the county commissioners so to do. In addition to such compensa-