

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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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-

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tion, each probation officer shall receive monthly such sums as he has reasonably and properly paid for his expenses incurred in the performance of his duty; each probation officer shall on or before the last day of each month submit under oath to the county commissioners in his county an itemized statement of such expenditures. If in any county it seems to the governor and council necessary to have more than one probation officer, the governor, by and with the consent of the council, may appoint one or more associates, who shall have all the authority under the direction of the probation officer which such probation officer has, and who shall receive for compensation and expenses such sum as the county commissioners in his county shall deem just and proper.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

## Chapter 204.

An Act Authorizing the Treasurer of State to Negotiate a Temporary Loan.

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

**Temporary loan by state.** The treasurer of state is authorized, in any year in which he and the governor and council may deem the same necessary, to negotiate a temporary loan, as provided by article nine, section fourteen, of the constitution of Maine. There is hereby appropriated for any year in which the treasurer of state and the governor and council may deem it necessary to borrow as aforesaid, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars. The treasurer of state and the governor and council are hereby authorized and directed whenever they shall judge that the state of the treasury will permit without prejudice to other necessary purposes, to pay any or all of such loan.

Approved April 6, 1917.

## Chapter 205.

An Act to Provide for the Establishment of Polling Districts in Towns.

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

**Sec. 1. Division of towns into polling districts, procedure and regulations.** The municipal officers of any town may by written order to be filed with and recorded by the town clerk sixty days at least before the first election to which said order shall apply, divide the town into two or more polling districts. Such order shall define the limits of such polling districts and designate polling places for each. Immediately upon recording such order the town clerk shall post copies thereof in not less than two public and conspicuous places in each such district. Such order shall continue in force and apply to all except municipal elections until altered or repealed by a subsequent order to be recorded and posted in like manner. Municipal officers shall at least ten days before any election appoint a presiding officer,