

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

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## STATE OF MAINE

1917

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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,

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who may be one of their number, and a clerk, for each such district other than the one voting at the place where town meetings are held, in which district the election shall be conducted by the appropriate town officers as though no other districts existed; in other districts the district officers appointed as above provided shall perform the duties otherwise devolving upon the corresponding town officers, and election returns made up by them shall immediately be delivered to the town clerk together with all ballots in their possession. The municipal officers of any town which has been so divided shall in the manner provided for by law prepare check lists of the qualified voters for each of said polling districts in lieu of the check lists now provided by law, for the entire town, to be used as provided by law and all provisions of law applicable to check lists and their use in towns shall apply to check lists for such polling districts.

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 7, § 12, relating to division of towns and wards of cities, repealed.** Section twelve of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 3. Dependent upon acceptance of constitutional amendment.** This act shall take effect whenever by reason of any amendment to section sixteen of article nine of the constitution it shall become consistent therewith.

Approved April 6, 1917.

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## Chapter 206.

An Act to Amend Section Eighty-three of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Term of Office of Insurance Commissioner.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 53, § 83, relating to insurance commissioner, amended.** That section eighty-three of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes be amended by striking out the word "three" in the third line of the section and inserting in place thereof the word 'four' and by striking out in the third and fourth lines of the section the words "unless sooner removed", and inserting in their place the following: 'and until his successor has been appointed and qualified', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 83. Term changed from three to four years; to serve until successor is appointed and qualified.** An insurance commissioner, whose office shall be at the state capitol, shall be appointed by the governor and council, and shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, but shall not at the same time be bank commissioner. He may administer oaths in the performance of his official duties, in any part of the state and at any time. He shall keep a correct account of all his doings, and of all fees and moneys received by him by virtue of his office, pay over the same to the treasurer of state quarterly and at the same time settle his account with the governor and council. He shall