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Chapter 211.

An Act to Amend Section fifty-one of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Trial List of Supreme Judicial Court for Aroostook County.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 51, relating to trial courts, amended. Section fifty-one of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to the third paragraph thereof, the following words: 'At each term of which the court shall place upon the trial list and hear only such civil actions pending in said court as may be more conveniently tried at that term, except that by agreement of attorneys interested other cases may be placed upon such trial list,' so that said third paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'**Trial of civil actions in Aroostook county.** Aroostook, at Houlton, on the third Tuesdays of April and November, for civil and criminal business, and at Caribou on the first Tuesdays of February and September for civil business only; at each term of which the court shall place upon the trial list and hear only such civil actions pending in said court as may be more conveniently tried at that term, except that by agreement of attorneys interested other cases may be placed upon such trial list.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 212.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-eight of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes Relative to State Stipend for Public Libraries.

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

R. S., c. 4, § 78, relating to state stipend for public libraries, amended. Section seventy-eight of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "state auditor" in the third line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words, 'Maine Library Commission,' and by inserting after the word "thereof" in the seventh line the words 'the commission may certify as to grade and quality of service performed by the library;,' and by striking out the words "equal to ten per cent" in the ninth line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words 'not less than seven per cent nor more than ten per cent,' and by adding at the end of said section the following: 'provided that no town shall receive annually more than five hundred dollars,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 78. Certification of grade to be made to library commission, instead of auditor; state stipend to be not less than seven per cent nor more than \$500 annually.** The municipal officers in any town or city, and the assessors of any village corporation where a free public library is established, shall annually, on the first day of May, certify to the Maine Library

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Commission the amount of money appropriated and expended by said town, city or village corporation during the preceding year, for the purchase of books and documents for the use and benefit of such free public library, and for the payment of the running expenses thereof; the commission may certify as to grade and quality of service performed by the library; and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall draw a warrant on the treasurer of state for the purchase of books for the use of such library, for a sum not less than seven per cent. nor more than ten per cent. of the amount expended by said town or village corporation as certified by its municipal officers or assessors, provided that no town shall receive annually more than five hundred dollars.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 213.

An Act to Amend Sections Sixteen, Thirty-eight, Thirty-nine and Forty of Chapter Twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 16, relating to regulation of speed of automobiles, amended. Section sixteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "removal" in the last line of said section, the following: 'Any person arrested for violation of any of the speed regulations of this chapter except those of sections thirty-eight and thirty-nine, shall be given an immediate trial, if he shall so demand of the officer making the arrest, but if for any reason it is impracticable to do so, the officer making the arrest shall immediately take the prisoner before some bail commissioner, who before admitting him to bail, shall require him to give his name, his place of residence, the number of his license to operate a motor vehicle, and the registration number of the motor vehicle operated at the time of his arrest, and shall make a record thereof on the bail bond, and may take his personal recognizance for his appearance in court on a specified day, not later than two days thereafter. If such person fails to appear in court on the day specified, either in person or by counsel, the court shall notify the secretary of state, who, in case the person is a resident of the state, shall immediately revoke his license, and also annul the registration of the motor vehicle driven by such person when arrested; and in case the person is a non-resident, or said motor vehicle is registered by some other state or country, all rights of said person to operate in this state, or of the owner of said vehicle to have the same operated in this state shall forthwith terminate', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 16. Violators may be admitted to bail on personal recognizance; license of residents revoked, rights of non-residents terminated for default. The rate of speed upon any highway, town way, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, by any person operating a motor vehicle in this state shall not be greater than twenty-five miles an hour in open coun-