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denomination, or nationality, in the full enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges offered to the general public by such places of public accommodation, resort or amusement.

Sec. 2. Term "place of public accommodation" defined. A place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the meaning of this act shall be deemed to include any inn, whether conducted for the entertainment, housing, or lodging of transient guests, or for the benefit, use or accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, any restaurant, eating-house, public conveyance on land or water, bath-house, barber-shop, theatre and music-hall.

Sec. 3. Specific inquiries may be answered by mail. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit the mailing of a private communication in writing, sent in response to specific written inquiry.

Sec. 4. Penalty for violations. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or who shall aid in or incite, cause or bring about, in whole or in part, the violation of the provisions of this act, shall, for each and every violation be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or shall be subject to both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 226.

An Act to Amend Sections Eighty-five and Eighty-seven of Chapter Two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the State Contingent Fund.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 2, § 85, relating to state contingent fund, amended. Section eighty-five of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "first day of January" in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'thirtieth day of June;' also by adding to said section the following words: 'provided, however, that unexpended balances existing on December thirty-first, excepting those continued by law, or such as relate to the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans or special funds in the state treasury, may, in the discretion of the governor and council, be credited to said state contingent fund on that date;' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 85. Appropriations lapse June 30th. Certain balances may be credited to contingent fund December 31st. The state auditor and treasurer of state shall open on their books an account to be known as the state contingent fund, to which shall be transferred and credited all balances of unexpended appropriations which exist on the thirtieth day of June of each year and which are not continued by law, except such appropriations as relate to the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans and special funds in the state treasury department. There shall also be credited to said account on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as the

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amount can be correctly ascertained, the amount by which the actual income of the state for the preceding year exceeds the current expenses of said year; provided, however, that unexpended balances existing on December thirty-first, excepting those continued by law, or such as relate to the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans or special funds in the state treasury, may, in the discretion of the governor and council, be credited to said state contingent fund on that date.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 2, § 87, relating to drafts upon contingent fund, amended. Section eighty-seven of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "authorize" in the eighth line thereof the words, 'and so much of said fund as may be necessary for said purposes is hereby appropriated to pay such bills and expenses;' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 87. Appropriation from contingent fund provided. Warrants may be drawn upon, charged to, and paid out of said fund, to pay outstanding bills or accounts that were properly chargeable to the several appropriations previous to the first day of January of each year; to pay outstanding bills necessarily contracted by state departments or state institutions for which the legislature failed to make sufficient provision, and to pay such other expenses as may be necessarily incurred under any requirement of law or for the maintenance of government, and which the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall authorize, and so much of said fund as may be necessary for said purposes is hereby appropriated to pay such bills and expenses; provided, however, that no payment shall be made from this fund, except as above provided, unless some emergency shall arise requiring an expenditure of money not provided for by the legislature.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 227.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-one of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes Relating to Trial Terms of the Supreme Judicial Court of Hancock 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 striking out the words "second Tuesdays of April and October" in the twenty-fourth line of said section, and substituting therefor the words, 'fourth Tuesday of April and second Tuesday of October,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Date in Hancock county changed. For the trial of civil actions and of persons accused of offenses, and for the transactions of all other business, except cases named in section forty-six, the court shall be held annually by one justice, at the following places and times; and the justices shall so hold said terms, under the direction of the chief justice, that their services shall be divided to each county as equally as may be.