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# Acts and Resolves

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## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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adoption of a child, made in any other state, according to the laws of that state, shall have the same force and effect in this state, as to inheritance and all other rights and duties as it had in the state where made, in case the person adopting thereafter dies domiciled in this state. If the person adopted died intestate his property acquired by himself or by devise, bequest, gift or otherwise before or after such adoption, from his adopting parents or from the kindred of said adopting parents shall be distributed according to the provisions of chapter eighty, the same as if born to said adopting parents in lawful wedlock; and property received by devise, bequest, gift or otherwise from his natural parents or kindred shall be distributed according to the provisions of said chapter eighty as if no act of adoption had taken place.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

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## Chapter 246.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-nine of Chapter One Hundred Thirty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Copy of Proceedings in Murder Cases.

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

**R. S., c. 136, § 29, relating to copy of proceedings in murder cases, amended.** Section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred thirty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "county" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting, in place thereof, the words, 'but this section shall not apply to cases where a motion for a new trial is filed and granted, as to the evidence and charge in any trial but the last;' also by adding the following to said section: 'A copy of the indictment, plea, evidence and charge of the presiding justice, certified by the official stenographer, shall also be filed in the office of the secretary of state, so that it may be used in any pardon hearing before the governor and council, and the expense thereof shall be paid by the state. The state shall pay the expense of having the evidence and charge transcribed by the official stenographer in any murder cases heretofore tried, where a pardon is sought by one serving a life sentence in the state prison, who is unable to pay therefor, if he, or she, claims to be innocent of the crime, the transcript to be filed in the office of the secretary of state, for use as above provided,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 29. Copy to be filed in office of secretary of state; provisions retroactive in certain cases.** Whenever any person is convicted of murder, a copy of the indictment, plea, evidence and charge of the presiding justice, certified by the official stenographer, shall be filed with the clerk of the court where such trial is held. If such stenographer is paid an annual salary, the making and filing of said copy shall be without extra compensation, otherwise the expense thereof shall be paid by the county; but this section shall not apply to cases where a motion for a new trial is filed and granted, as to the evidence and charge in any trial but the last. A copy of the indictment, plea, evidence and charge of the presiding justice, certified by the official stenographer, shall also be filed in the office of the

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secretary of state, so that it may be used in any pardon hearing before the governor and council, and the expense thereof shall be paid by the state. The state shall pay the expense of having the evidence and charge transcribed by the official stenographer in any murder cases heretofore tried, where a pardon is sought by one serving a life sentence in the state prison, who is unable to pay therefor, if he, or she, claims to be innocent of the crime, the transcript to be filed in the office of the secretary of state, for use as above provided.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

## Chapter 247.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Forty-three of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Admission of Students to State Normal Schools.

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

**R. S., c. 16, § 143, relating to application for admission to normal schools, amended.** Section one hundred forty-three of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "two years" in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'the first two years of teaching,' and by adding to said section the words 'otherwise they shall pay tuition at the rate of fifty dollars per year,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 143. Applicants to teach in state first two years after graduation, or pay \$50 per year for tuition.** Applicants for admission shall be sixteen years of age if females, and seventeen if males, and shall signify their intention to become teachers and come under obligation to teach in this state for at least one year, and if they receive a diploma, the first two years of teaching after they have graduated; on these conditions they shall be received without charge for tuition, otherwise they shall pay tuition at the rate of fifty dollars per year.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

## Chapter 248.

An Act to Designate Truant Officers as Attendance Officers.

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

Words "attendance officer" substituted for term "truant officer" in all statutes. All sections of all chapters of the revised statutes including amendments thereto in which the words "truant officer" occur are hereby amended by inserting in place of said words the words 'attendance officer;' and all sections in which the words "truant officers" occur are hereby amended by inserting in place of said words the words 'attendance officers.'

Approved April 7, 1917.