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'of some person or persons, the committing of which act is punishable in accordance with sections one, two and three of chapter one hundred twenty of the revised statutes,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction more clearly defined. Upon notice that there has been found or is lying within his county the body of a person who is supposed to have come to his death by violence or unlawful act, of some person or persons, the committing of which act is punishable in accordance with sections one, two and three of chapter one hundred twenty of the revised statutes, the medical examiner shall forthwith repair to the place where such body lies and take charge of the same and before said body is removed he shall reduce or cause to be reduced to writing a description of the location and position of the body and any and all facts that may be deemed important in determining the cause of death. He shall then make an autopsy in the presence of a physician and one other discreet person sufficient in his judgment to disclose such facts as may be attainable thereby which may be of assistance in determining the cause of death. He may compel the assistance of such physician and person, by subpoena, if necessary, and he shall then and there at the time of such autopsy reduce or cause to be reduced to writing every fact and circumstance disclosed by such autopsy tending to show the manner and cause of death, which record shall be signed by himself and the witnesses who have attended, who shall in addition to their names subscribe their address and place of business. In case at the time of finding of such body there be no medical examiner within the county by reason of vacancy in the office, incapacity or absence from the county, any medical examiner in an adjoining county may be notified whose duty it shall be to attend and perform all duties prescribed by this chapter as though he were a medical examiner within the county.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 253.

An Act to Insure the Collection of Taxes in Unorganized Townships.

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

Sec. 1. Inventory of personal property in unorganized township to be returned to state assessors. Each owner or person in charge or control of personal property such as would not be exempt from taxation if it were located in a city or town of this state, and not otherwise subject to taxation under existing laws of the State of Maine, which on the first day of April in each year is situated, whether permanently or temporarily, within an unorganized township, shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, return to the board of state assessors a complete list of such property upon blanks furnished by said board; and such property shall be assessed by said board for a just proportion of all state and county taxes; but none of the property described in this section shall be included in the state valuation as made for unorganized towns.

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Sec. 2. Proceedings by board when inventory is not made. Should any owner or person having in his charge or control personal property taxable by said board, as provided in section one, neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of this act, the board of state assessors may secure the necessary information by such methods as they deem advisable, and the necessary expense incurred in securing such information shall be added to the tax assessed against the property of such owner or person and paid to the state treasurer with the tax.

Sec. 3. Tax to be paid to state treasurer on or before Oct. 1st, to be turned over to counties; proceedings when tax payer is delinquent. Taxes levied under the provisions of section one shall be paid to the treasurer of state on or before October first of each year, and the treasurer of state shall at once credit the county treasurer with the amount of county tax so received, and this amount, plus interest after October first, shall be paid by the treasurer of state to the several county treasurers within thirty days from receipt thereof, and the governor and council are hereby authorized to draw their warrants for the same as above provided. A lien is created on all personal property for such taxes and expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of section two, and such property may be sold for the payment of such taxes and expenses at any time after October first under such conditions as may be determined by the board of state assessors, but any balance remaining after deducting taxes and necessary additions made in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be returned to the owner or person in possession of such property.

Sec. 4. Tax lists to be certified. All lists of property returned to the board of state assessors shall be certified before a justice of the peace, or in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the board of state assessors.

Sec. 5. Date when effective. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred eighteen.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 254.

An Act to Regulate the Operation of Motor Vehicles for the Carriage of Passengers and Freight.

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

Sec. 1. Jitney busses; permits to be granted by state highway commission. The state highway commission may, upon proper application in writing, grant permits for the operation of jitney busses, so-called, or any other steam or motor driven vehicles making regular schedule trips for the carriage of passengers or freight from one point to another, over any street, highway, or bridge, and may make regulations limiting the rate of speed of such vehicles, their weight, the load they may carry, and the time of year during which they may operate, and any other regulations which in the opinion