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quired by any of the provisions of this act, shall fail or refuse when requested by a sheriff or his deputy, a constable or a police officer, to give his correct name and address, shall be liable to the penalty provided in this act.

Sec. 3. Headlights on electric cars and motor vehicles; public utilities commission to prescribe regulations; provisions. The public utilities commission shall prepare rules and regulations from time to time governing the use and operation of headlights on electric cars and lights on motor vehicles used on public highways, and prescribe penalties for violation thereof and may from time to time alter, rescind or add to any rules and regulations previously made by it. The rules and regulations of the commission and any changes therein shall take effect when approved by the governor and council and published at least once in each daily newspaper in the state.

Sec. 4. Penalty for violations. Whoever fails to comply with any of the provisions of this act relative to the use of lights shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 5. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 273.

An Act in Relation to Suits in Court, the Parties whereto being in the Military Service of the United States, or of this State.

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

Sec. 1. Suits in court against persons in Federal service to be continued; exceptions. Any action of contract or review now pending, or which may be commenced against any person, who is or shall be mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, during the present war, shall at the request of the defendant be continued without cost to either party till his term of service shall expire; provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to suits and proceedings upon official bonds, or actions where the party mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, is liable jointly with a partner or person not in such service, nor to any action where the court may be satisfied that great injustice would be done by such continuance.

Sec. 2. Exemption of personal property from attachment. Personal property to the amount of one thousand dollars, other than that held in partnership as above, and other than whereon attachment had been made upon mesne process prior to the date of enlistment of the defendant, in addition to that already exempted by law, shall be exempt from attachment or seizure upon execution from and after the date of such enlistment in the service aforesaid, and during his term of service, to be designated by the defendant, or his agent or attorney.

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Sec. 3. When person in United States service is plaintiff. In all cases in court, or which may be entered in court, during such term of service where a person mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, is plaintiff, the court at his request may continue such case, as long as the court may think justice would require, and without costs to either party.

Sec. 4. Statute of limitations suspended. During his absence from the state, and while continuing in the service of the United States, the operation of any statute of limitations shall be suspended in all matters in which suits may arise in which a person mustered into such service may be either plaintiff or defendant.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 274.

An Act to Provide for the Appointment of Special Deputy Sheriffs.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, in order to protect and guard the lives and property of the citizens of the state, the appointment of special deputy sheriffs is necessary and is an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Special deputies; sheriffs may appoint in war time, or when war is imminent; personal liability. Whenever a state of war shall exist or be imminent between the United States and any foreign country, sheriffs may appoint male citizens more than eighteen years of age not eligible for military service as special deputies who shall have and exercise all the powers of deputy sheriffs appointed under the general law except the service of civil process. Such special deputies shall be personally responsible for any unreasonable, improper or illegal acts committed by them in the performance of their duties, but the sheriffs shall not be liable upon their bonds, or otherwise, for any neglect or misdoings of such deputies.

Sec. 2. Notification of appointment; compensation. Any sheriff appointing such special deputy sheriffs shall notify the clerk of courts and the county commissioners for the county in which such appointments are made giving the names of such deputies and the date of their appointments and such county commissioners shall fix and order paid from the treasury of the county to such deputies a reasonable compensation, not exceeding three dollars and fifty cents per day for the time actually employed together with actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duty.

Sec. 3. Date when effective. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.