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Chapter 289.

An Act to Amend Section two of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes Relating to Qualification of Voters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 2, relating to qualification of voters, amended. Women included. Section two of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "male" in the fourth line thereof.

Sec. 2. Election laws to apply to women. All other public laws and statutes pertaining to elections shall be construed to apply to both males and females.

Sec. 3. Date when effective; proviso. This act shall take effect only upon the adoption in September, nineteen hundred seventeen, of the proposed amendment extending the right of suffrage to women, and in case of such adoption, shall take effect on the day said constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 290.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-four of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Free Transportation of Firemen and Policemen by Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 55, §. 34, relating to discrimination by public utilities, amended. Section thirty-four of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "apparatus" in the twelfth line thereof, the words: 'call men of fire departments wearing badges, while going to or returning from fires, chiefs, captains, sergeants, lieutenants and inspectors of police departments, in plain clothes and wearing badges,' and by inserting after the word "purposes" in the sixteenth line thereof the words: 'nor to prohibit any public utility from supplying water and service free or at reduced or special rates to any person, firm or corporation for fire protection purposes through or by means of any apparatus or appliances furnished, installed or maintained by such person, firm or corporation,' so that the same as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 34. Regulations as to free transportation extended. Water and service may be supplied free to persons installing fire apparatus. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation knowingly to solicit, accept or receive any rebate, discount or discrimination in respect to any service rendered, or to be rendered by any public utility, or for any service in connection therewith whereby any such service shall in any manner, or by any device whatsoever, be rendered free or at a rate less than named in the schedules in force as provided herein or whereby any service or advan-

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tage is received other than is herein specified; provided that this chapter shall not prohibit such free or reduced rates by public utilities as is defined and provided for in the acts of Congress entitled, "An Act to Regulate Commerce" and acts amendatory thereof, nor free or reduced transportation to the officers of leased lines or to police officers or firemen in uniform or of municipal fire apparatus, call men of fire departments wearing badges, while going to or returning from fires, chiefs, captains, sergeants, lieutenants and inspectors of police departments, in plain clothes and wearing badges, editors and regular reporters of newspapers, nor free transportation under the provision of section fifty-one of chapter fifty-six; nor shall it be construed to prohibit any public utility from granting service at free or reduced rates for charitable or benevolent purposes, nor to prohibit any public utility from supplying water and service free or at reduced or special rates to any person, firm or corporation for fire protection purposes through or by means of any apparatus or appliances furnished, installed or maintained by such person, firm or corporation, provided the same be approved by the commission; nor shall it be unlawful for any public utility to make special rates to its employees or in cases of emergency service, nor shall the furnishing by any public utility of any product or service at the rates and upon terms and conditions provided for in any contract in existence January first, nineteen hundred thirteen be construed as constituting a discrimination or undue or unreasonable preference, or advantage within the meaning specified; provided, however, that when any such contract or contracts are or become terminable by notice of such utility the commission shall have power in its discretion to direct by order that such contract or contracts shall be terminated by such utility as and when directed by such order; and provided, further, that it shall be lawful for any public utility to make a contract for a definite term subject to the approval of the commission, for its product or service, but such published rates shall not be changed during the term of the contract without the consent of the commission. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each offense.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 291.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, to Make Plain the Penalties Imposed under Certain Sections thereof.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 127, §. 19, relating to traveling liquor peddlers and solicitors, amended. Section nineteen of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: 'Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars and costs, and in addition thereto be imprisoned not less than two nor more than six months, and in default