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Sec. 2. May be sold after one year; provisions. The lien holder shall retain such watch, clock or jewelry for a period of one year, at the expiration of which time, if such lien is not satisfied, he may sell such watch, clock or jewelry at public auction, after giving thirty days' notice in writing to the owner, of the time and place of such sale, specifying the amount which will then be due, exclusive of costs and expenses, and describing the property to be sold and the grounds of the lien. Such notice may be given by publishing same in a newspaper published and circulated in the county where the property is held, and also by mailing a copy of such notice addressed to the owner's place of residence if known, or if the owner's place of residence is unknown, a copy of said notice may be posted in two public places in the town, village or city where the property is held.

Sec. 3. Residue, if not claimed by owner, deposited with county treasurer. After satisfying the lien and any cost and expenses that may have accrued, any residue remaining from said sale shall on demand within six months, be paid to the owner, and if not so demanded within six months from such sale, such residue shall be deposited by such lien holder, with the treasurer of the county in which said property was held, together with a statement of said lien holder's claim and the cost of enforcing the same, a copy of the published notice, and of the amount received for the property sold at said sale; said residue shall by said county treasurer be credited to the general revenue fund of said county, subject to the right of said owner, or his representatives, to reclaim at any time within three years of the date of deposit with said treasurer.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 296.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Seven of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen Relating to the Printing of Ballots.

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

R. S., c. 7, §. 2, relating to the printing of the ballots, amended. Section two of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Blank square to be left at right of candidate's name; also at right of blank space under name. Every general ballot, or ballot intended for the use of all voters, which shall be printed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall contain the names and residences, ward residences in city elections, of all candidates whose nominations for any office specified in the ballot have been duly made and not withdrawn in accordance herewith, and the office for which they have been severally nominated, and shall contain no other names except that in case of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, the names of the candidates for president and vice-president may be added to the party or political

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designation. The names of candidates nominated by any party shall be grouped together upon the ballot. Above each group shall be placed the name of the political party by which the candidates comprising such group were placed in nomination, or the political designation as described in the certificate of nomination, or nomination papers, under a square. Below the name of each candidate for any office in any group there shall be left a blank space in which the voter may write the name of any person for whom he desires to vote as a candidate for such office; at the right of each name and at the right of the blank space above provided for there shall be left a blank square in which the voter may make a cross mark (X). If only one person be nominated by any party, or under any political designation, his name with the office for which he is a candidate shall be printed by itself under the name of such party or political designation. Whenever the approval of a constitutional amendment or other question is submitted to the vote of the people such question or questions shall be printed upon a separate ballot. The ballots shall be so printed as to leave a blank space, above such amendment or question so as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark, (X) therein, his answers to the questions submitted and on the ballot may be printed such words as will aid the voter to do this as "yes," or "no," and the like. The ballot shall be not less than four inches in width and not less than six inches in length. Before distribution the ballots shall be so folded in marked creases that their width and length when folded shall be uniform. On the back and outside, when folded, shall be printed "Official Ballot for," followed by the designation of the polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the election and a facsimile of the signature of the secretary of state or city clerk who has caused the ballot to be printed. Except as otherwise herein provided, ballots shall be printed upon clean white paper without any distinguishing mark or figures thereon.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 297.

An Act to Amend Sections Forty-nine, Fifty, Fifty-one, Fifty-two, Fifty-three, Fifty-four, Fifty-six and Fifty-seven of Chapter Sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Protection of Neglected Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 64, § 49, relating to appointment of agent for protection of children, amended. Section forty-nine, chapter sixty-four, revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 49. Application for appointment to be made by county commissioners; only one agent to a county; certain power curtailed. Upon application by the county commissioners of any county to the governor and council, recommending any person as an "agent for the protection of children," the governor shall cause the qualifications and experience of said person to be investigated by the state board of charities and corrections,