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Chapter 3.

An Act to Amend Section Nine of Chapter One Hundred Eighteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Fees of Witnesses.

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

R. S., c. 118, § 9; relating to fees of witnesses, amended. Section nine of chapter one hundred eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "testimony" in the third line of said section, the following: 'or special commissioners on disputed claims appointed by probate courts,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Fees of special commissioners on disputed claims, appointed by probate court. Witnesses in the supreme judicial court or superior courts or in the probate courts shall receive two dollars, and before referees, auditors or commissioners specially appointed to take testimony, or special commissioners on disputed claims appointed by probate courts, one dollar and fifty cents, or before the county commissioners one dollar, for each day's attendance and six cents a mile for each mile's travel going and returning home; but the court in its discretion, may allow at the trial of any cause, civil or criminal, in said supreme judicial court or superior courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars per day for the attendance of any expert witness or witnesses at said trial, in taxing the costs of the prevailing party; but such party or his attorney of record, shall first file an affidavit, during the term at which such trial is held, and before the cause is settled, stating the name, residence, number of days in attendance and the actual amount paid or to be paid each expert witness, in attendance at such trial. And no more than two dollars per day shall be allowed or taxed by the clerk of courts, in the costs of any suit, for the per diem attendance of a witness, unless the affidavit herein provided, is filed, and the per diem is determined and allowed by the presiding justice; and before a justice of the peace, a trial justice, a judge of the municipal court, fifty cents a day attendance, and for travel, the same as the courts aforesaid.'

Approved February 13, 1919.

Chapter 4.

An Act Relating to the Taxation of Money Deposited in Banks Outside the State.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, many non-residents of the State of Maine have deposited large sums of money in the banks of this state, and

Whereas, certain states are planning to tax the deposits of their citizens in banks in the State of Maine unless the State of Maine immediately enters into a reciprocity agreement with such states, and

Whereas, the loss of the deposits of non-residents in banks in the State of Maine would entail hardship upon the banks of this state, and

Whereas, the retaining of the deposits of non-residents in banks in the State of Maine is an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Money in banks outside of state taxable to resident owners. Money deposited in any bank without this state on interest is taxable to the resident owner thereof.

Sec. 2. Deposits not taxable if reciprocal. If any state exempts similar deposits in banks in this state, including interest thereon, to owners residing in that state, the provisions of this act shall not apply to deposits in that state.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Emergency. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 26, 1919.

Chapter 5.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-eight of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Protection of Forest Fire Signs.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 58; relating to distribution of signs relative to protection of forests from fire, amended. Section fifty-eight of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 58. Signs to be furnished owners of forest lands, on request; half of fine payable to complainant. The forest commissioner, at the expense of the state may cause copies of sections twenty-eight to fifty-nine, both inclusive, of this chapter, or of such sections or parts of sections thereof as he may deem desirable, and all other laws of the state relating to forest fires to be printed and freely distributed to the selectmen of all the towns of the state, who shall post them up in school-houses, saw mills, logging camps and other places; and similar copies shall be furnished to owners of forest lands, who may apply for them, to be posted up at the expense of such owners. Any person tearing down, destroying or defacing any such notices, or any notices relative to protection against forest fires posted over the name and title of the forest commissioner, or the name of any association organized for the protection of the forests of the state from fire, shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-