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# Acts and Resolves

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## Chapter 40.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-six of Chapter Seventy of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Time of Payment of Legacies.

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

**R. S., c. 70, § 26; relating to the time when legacies are payable, amended.** That section twenty-six of chapter seventy of the revised statutes be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the words "one year" in the second and fifth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'twenty months,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 26. Payable in twenty months after final allowance of will, instead of one year.** Legacies shall be payable in twenty months after final allowance of the will; but such payments shall not be affected by any claims presented to the executor, or administrator with the will annexed, or filed in the probate office, after the expiration of said twenty months and after such payment; nor shall the executor or administrator with the will annexed be responsible for the payments of said legacies on account of such claims, unless he has failed to give notice of his appointment as required by law and the judge of probate.'

Approved March 8, 1919.

## Chapter 41.

An Act Relating to the Marriage of Persons having Syphilis.

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

**Sec. 1. Syphilitic persons not to marry.** No person having syphilis shall marry until he has a certificate from the attending physician or physicians that he is cured of syphilis. The state board of health is hereby empowered to make regulations prescribing the methods to be employed in diagnosing said disease.

**Sec. 2. Physicians to keep record of syphilitic cases; shall notify health officer of intention of persons so affected to marry.** Every physician shall keep a record of all cases of syphilis that come under his observation and care, and shall use reasonable means to ascertain the intentions of syphilitic patients as to marriage. The physician shall warn said patients of the legal, moral and physical evils of marriage contracted by them. If the physician learns that a patient as aforesaid has filed intentions of marriage as required by law, or if the physician believes that the patient as aforesaid intends to marry, the physician shall notify the local board of health or the health officer in the town or city in which the patient resides, who are hereby empowered to notify the other party to the intended marriage.

**Sec. 3. Penalty for violations; court jurisdiction.** Any person failing to comply with the provisions of sections one and two and any physician

making a certificate as aforesaid falsely shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than one year or by fine of not more than five hundred dollars or less than two hundred dollars or both. Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of the above concurrently with superior and supreme judicial courts.

Approved March 12, 1919.

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## Chapter 42.

An Act to Provide for Co-operative Agricultural Extension Work between the Several Counties of Maine and the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, in Accordance with the Federal Agricultural Extension Act of May Eighth, Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen, Entitled "An Act to Provide for Co-operative Agricultural Extension Work between the Agricultural Colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture."

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

**Sec. 1. Extension work in agriculture provided for in each county.** That in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the state of Maine useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and rural life and to encourage the application of the same, there may be inaugurated in each of the several counties of the state of Maine extension work which shall be carried on in co-operation with the University of Maine, College of Agriculture.

**Sec. 2. Manner in which work may be carried on.** Co-operative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics, and imparting information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications and otherwise; and this work shall be carried on in each county in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the executive committee of the farm bureau of such county, provided for in section three of this act, and the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, or their duly appointed representatives.

**Sec. 3. Organizations to be known as "farm bureaus" to be formed.** That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there may be created in each county or combination of two counties within the state of Maine an organization to be known as a "farm bureau," in the following manner: Whenever a number not less than two hundred of bona fide rural residents within any county or combination of two counties in the state of Maine shall have effected temporary organization for doing extension work in agriculture and home economics, and shall have adopted a constitution and set of by-laws acceptable to the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, they shall be recognized as the official body within said county or counties for carrying on extension work in agriculture and home economics within said county or counties in co-operation with the