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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.

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

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University of Maine, College of Agriculture. Such organization may make such regulations and by-laws for its government and the carrying on of its work as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; provided that any county farm bureau or other county organization within any of the counties in the state of Maine that is now doing extension work in agriculture and home economics in co-operation with the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, upon complying with the provisions of this section, shall be the recognized farm bureau of the county or counties where it is located, and provided further that but one such organization shall be formed in each county.

Sec. 4. Farm bureau to prepare budget; county commissioners may levy tax. The executive committee of each county farm bureau shall annually prepare an annual financial budget for the twelve months beginning January first next thereafter, showing in detail its estimate of the amount of money to be expended under the provisions of this act within the county or counties for such twelve months; shall submit the same to a vote of the bureau at the regular annual meeting, and, if the budget is approved by a majority vote of the members of the bureau present at such meeting, the executive committee shall submit the same to the board of county commissioners on a date in December approved by said county commissioners, and the county commissioners shall include the amount of this budget in the appropriations by them annually recommended, and levy a tax therefor; provided further that the amount thus raised by direct taxation within any county or combination of counties for the purposes of this act shall be not less than one thousand and not more than two thousand dollars annually. Whenever the inhabitants of two counties shall unite for organization in one farm bureau the amount of the tax assessed upon each county shall be in the proportion which the number of farm bureau members in that county bears to the total number of members in the two counties so united.

Sec. 5. Annual report to be rendered to trustees of University of Maine College of Agriculture and to county commissioners. It shall be the duty of each said county farm bureau annually on or before the tenth day of December, to present its plan of extension work for the ensuing year and to render to both the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, and the county commissioners a full detailed report of its extension activities for the preceding fiscal year, including a detailed report of its receipts and expenditures from all sources; and the financial report of such county farm bureau shall be on such forms as may be prescribed by the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture.