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probation officer, the governor, by and with the consent of the council, may appoint one or more associates, male or female, who shall have all the authority under the direction of the probation officer which such probation officer has, and who shall receive for compensation and expenses such sum as the county commissioners in his county shall deem just and proper.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 137, § 19; relating to appointment of probation officers pro tempore, by court, amended. Section nineteen of chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the revised statutes relating to the appointment of probation officers pro tempore, is hereby amended by adding the words 'or female' after the word "male" in the fourth line thereof, so that said section nineteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 19. Court may appoint female probation officer pro tempore.** In case of the absence of the probation officer at the time and place when any such child is so arrested or to be tried, the court having jurisdiction may appoint some discreet male or female citizen of the county a probation officer pro tempore for the purpose of that particular case, who shall perform his duties without compensation or expense, and such probation officer shall have all the authority to perform all of the duties of the probation officer under sections ten to twenty-four, both inclusive of this chapter; but the authority of such probation officer shall cease when he shall have performed the duties with reference to that particular cause.'

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 77.

An Act to Secure Information Relating to the Yearly Cut of Timber from the Wild Land Townships.

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

Sec. 1. Owners and agents of lands in unorganized townships or wild lands to make return to state assessors of yearly cut. That the owners or agents of all lands in unorganized townships and organized plantations, classed as wild lands, shall return to the board of state assessors, on blanks furnished upon application to said board, the amount in board feet of all logs and other timber cut, or if it has been cut into four-foot lengths, or otherwise, the number of cords of each kind of wood cut from their land the year preceding July first of the year in which said return is made.

Sec. 2. State assessors, on failure, may obtain information and assess expense against lands. Should any owner or agent whose duty it is to make such return, neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of this act, the board of state assessors may secure the information as to the amount of such cut by such methods as they shall deem expedient or

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advisable, and the expense of securing such information shall be added to the state tax next assessed against the land of such owner or agent, and collected in the same manner as all wild land taxes are collected.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 78.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-one of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appointment of Examiners to Perform Certain Duties for the Public Utilities Commission.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 51, relating to powers and duties of members of public utilities commission in connection with hearings, amended. Section fifty-one of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Said public utilities commission shall have power to appoint, to serve during its pleasure, an examiner, who, being first duly sworn, shall have authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses, issue subpoenas, require the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, and receive evidence in any matter under the jurisdiction of the commission, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him. Evidence so taken and received shall have the same force and effect as though taken and received by said commission, and shall authorize action by said commission as though by it taken and received. When objection is made to the admissibility of evidence the examiner shall note the same with the reasons therefor and incorporate such notation and reasons in his report of the evidence according to the practice in taking depositions. The commission shall disregard or consider the evidence so objected to according to the rules governing the taking of evidence before the commission, and shall report its rulings thereon in its decision of the case. The commission shall fix the salary of said examiner,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Commission may appoint an examiner to preside at hearings, etc.; salary of examiner to be fixed by commission. Each of the commissioners for the purposes mentioned in this chapter, may administer oaths, certify to official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, punish by fine and imprisonment for contempt, and issue all processes necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission. Said public utilities commission shall have power to appoint, to serve during its pleasure, an examiner, who, being first duly sworn, shall have authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses, issue subpoenas, require the production of books, accounts, papers, documents and testimony, and receive evidence in any matter under the jurisdiction of the commission,