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town, precinct or union maintaining a high school as provided in Class B of section seventy-three or a junior high school as provided in the same section shall not be obliged to pay tuition for any pupil until he has completed that part of the course of said school approved by the state superintendent of schools, or the equivalent thereof', so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 75. State superintendent to approve course to be pursued by pupil coming from towns maintaining Class B school, before pupil is entitled to tuition. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in Class A of section seventy-three, shall not be obliged to pay tuition under sections eighty-five and eighty-six of this chapter. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school as provided in Class B of section seventy-three or a junior high school as provided in the same section shall not be obliged to pay tuition for any pupil until he has completed that part of the course of said school approved by the state superintendent of schools, or the equivalent thereof.'

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 99.

An Act to Provide for Cooperation between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maine Department of Agriculture in the Collection and Publication of Statistics.

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

Commissioner of agriculture to cooperate with federal government as to publication of agricultural statistics. The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for cooperative work in the collection and publication of agricultural statistics, such agreement to be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 100.

An Act to Regulate the Employment of Legislative Counsel or Agents and to Provide a Legislative Docket in Secretary of State's Office Open to Public Inspection, Disclosing Information in Relation to Such Employment.

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

Sec. 1. Registration of legislative counsel and of employers of same. Any person or persons accepting employment to act as legislative counsel or agent to promote or oppose, directly or indirectly, legislation by the legislature shall within forty-eight hours after such employment cause his or their name or names to be entered upon a docket as hereinafter pro-

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vided and all employers of such legislative counsel or agents shall also within the same time cause their names to be entered upon the same docket as hereinafter provided.

- Sec. 2. Registration book to be kept by secretary of state, open to public inspection. The secretary of state shall prepare and keep a docket for the registration of legislative counsel or agents and of their employers, which docket shall be open to public inspection during the office hours of said secretary of state and shall contain the names of legislative counsel and agents and of their employers, the addresses of each, the date and subject matter of the employment, and, by appropriate words, a designation of whether such employment is as counsel or agent or both. Such docket shall be so arranged and indexed that under the name of each employer shall appear the names of all legislative counsel or agents employed by him and that the name or names of each employer represented by any counsel or agent shall appear under the name of such counsel or agent.
- Sec. 3. Compensation of counsel not to depend on a contingency. No person shall be employed as a legislative counsel or agent for compensation dependent upon a contingency.
- Sec. 4. Penalty for violation. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and the attorney general shall cause prosecutions to be instituted for the violation of any of the provisions of this act.
- Sec. 5. Term "legislative counsel" defined. The term "legislative counsel" as used in this act shall be construed to mean any person who for compensation appears at any public hearing before committees of the legislature in regard to proposed legislation. The term "legislative agent" as used in this act shall be construed to mean any person, firm, association or corporation that for hire or reward does any act to promote or oppose proposed legislation except to appear at public hearings before committees of the legislature, and shall include all persons who for compensation shall approach individual members of the legislature or members elect thereof with the intent in any manner, directly or indirectly, to influence their action upon proposed legislation.
- Sec. 6. Application of term. The provisions of this act shall not apply to state, county, municipal or quasi-municipal officials, or their regularly elected or appointed subordinates, who act for no compensation other than their ordinary salary or compensation as such public officials or subordinates.
- Sec. 7. Penalty for false registration. Any person, firm or corporation, who shall falsely enter upon the docket aforesaid the name or names of any person or firm as his or their legislative counsel or agent, shall be

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liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars and answerable in damages to the person or firm whose name or names has been so falsely entered.

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 101.

An Act Amendatory of and Additional to Section Twelve of Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Tools and Implements for Gambling, Counterfeiting and Burglars' Tools.

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

R. S., c. 127, § 12; relating to search and seizure for gambling implements and counterfeiters' tools, amended. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'and in all cases where an officer may seize tools, machines, dies, plates or materials provided for making counterfeit or spurious coin, or for forging bank notes or other instruments; burglars' tools or implements, prepared or designed for burglary; lottery tickets or materials for a lottery or procured for the purpose of a lottery; gambling apparatus or implements for gambling and all moneys therein contained, upon a warrant, he may seize the same without a warrant and keep them in some safe place for a reasonable time until he can procure such warrant,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Officer may make seizure without warrant and hold until same can be procured. All tools, machines, dies, plates or materials provided for making counterfeit or spurious coin, or for forging bank notes or other instruments; all burglars' tools or implements prepared or designed for burglary; all lottery tickets or materials for a lottery or procured for the purpose of a lottery; all gambling apparatus or implements for gambling, and all moneys therein contained, shall, when the same are found and taken by virtue of a search warrant, or are found in the possession or under the control of any person arrested for forgery, counterfeiting, burglary, selling lottery tickets or gambling, be safely kept by the direction of the court or magistrate having cognizance of the case so long as may be necessary for their being used as evidence on any trial. All such articles, devices, tools and materials, shall thereupon be declared forfeited by said court, and ordered destroyed, and shall by order of the court rendering final judgment be turned over to the sheriff of the county where the seizure was made, or to such of his deputies as the court shall order, by any officer competent to serve the process on which they were seized, who shall forthwith make return accordingly to said court; and said sheriff, or his said deputy, shall receipt to said officer therefor. As soon thereafter as may be said sheriff, or his said deputy receiving said forfeited articles, shall burn or otherwise destroy them, and make return to said