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the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one and five, the war with Spain and the war with the Imperial German government and its allies, and were honorably discharged, who shall have reached the age of seventy years and whose property shall not exceed the value of five thousand dollars', so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'IX. Estates of soldiers and sailors seventy years of age and over, whose property does not exceed \$5000, exempt from taxation. The polls and the estates of persons who by reason of age, infirmity or poverty, are in the judgment of the assessors unable to contribute toward the public charges; and the polls of all soldiers and sailors who receive state pension; and the polls of all soldiers and sailors who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one and five and were honorably discharged from such service; and the estates of all soldiers and sailors who served in the war of eighteen hundred and sixtyone and five, the war with Spain and the war with the Imperial German government and its allies, and were honorably discharged, who shall have reached the age of seventy years, and whose property shall not exceed the value of five thousand dollars; provided, however, that any such soldier or sailor who desires to pay said tax may, on or before the first day of April, in each year, notify in writing the assessors of the city, town or plantation in which he resides of his desire to pay said tax, whereupon said assessors shall assess said tax against said soldier or sailor, and said soldier or sailor shall be legally holden to pay said tax.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 106.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-one of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Commitment of Women to the Reformatory for Women.

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

R. S., c. 142, § 61; relating to commitment to reformatory for women, amended. Section sixty-one of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes, relating to commitment of women to the reformatory for women is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, viz: 'Upon commitment of such woman, if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall in all cases when feasible designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to said reformatory. The expenses of said woman shall be paid by the county in which the commitment is made,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

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Court may provide woman attendant when officer to whom mittimus is directed is not a woman; expenses to be paid by county. When a woman over the age of sixteen years is convicted before any court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, or in the county jail, or in any house of correction, such court or justice may order her commitment to the reformatory for women, or sentence her to the punishment provided by law for the same offense. When a woman is sentenced to the reformatory for women, the court or trial justice imposing the sentence shall not prescribe the limit thereof, unless it be for a term of more than five years; but no woman committed to the reformatory upon a sentence within the prescribed limit, as aforesaid, shall be held therein for more than five years if sentenced for a felony, nor for more than three years if sentenced for a misdemeanor. If the sentence imposed upon any woman be for more than five years, she shall be so held for such longer term. Upon commitment of such woman, if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall in all cases when feasible designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to said reformatory. The expenses of said woman shall be paid by the county in which the commitment is made.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 107.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-five of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Care of Children of Women Committed to the Reformatory for Women.

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

- R. S., c. 142, § 65; relating to care of children of women committed to reformatory for women. Section sixty-five of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "at a rate not to exceed two and one-half dollars a week", so that said section, as so amended, shall read as follows:
- 'Sec. 65. Amount to be paid for care of child not limited to \$2.50 a day. If any woman committed to said reformatory is, at the time of her commitment, the mother of a nursing child in her care and under one year of age, or is pregnant with child which shall be born after such commitment, such woman may retain such child in said reformatory until it shall be two years of age, when it must be removed therefrom. The board of trustees may cause such child to be placed in any asylum for children in this state and pay for the care and maintenance of such child therein until the mother of such child shall have been discharged, or may commit such child to the care and custody of some relative or proper person will-