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# Acts and Resolves

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one revised statutes, the commission shall thereupon issue its certificate of approval to the company so increasing its capital stock and shall also cause to be filed a certificate in the office of the secretary of state certifying to such increase.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

## Chapter 116.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Automatic Signals.

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

**1917, c. 145, § 1; relating to installation of automatic signals at railroad crossings, amended.** Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by substituting for the last sentence in said section the following: 'Wherever the term "signal" or "automatic signal" is used in this act, same shall be construed to be an appliance which gives warning of the approach of a train and which is either audible and visible by day and by night, or audible or visible, as may be determined by the commission,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Terms "signal" and "automatic signals" redefined.** The public utilities commission is hereby given authority to require each steam railroad company operating within this state to install, operate and maintain an automatic signal at any highway crossing within this state, where, after reasonable notice and hearing, said commission shall decide that public safety requires such signal as a proper measure of protection. The expense of installing, operating and maintaining any such signal shall be borne by the corporation operating the railroad passing over the crossing to be protected. Wherever the term "signal" or "automatic signal" is used in this act, same shall be construed to be an appliance which gives warning of the approach of a train and which is either audible and visible by day and by night, or audible or visible, as may be determined by the commission.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

## Chapter 117.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Four of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Reports of Academies and Private Schools.

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

**R. S., c. 16, § 104; relating to reports of educational institutions receiving state aid, amended.** Section one hundred and four of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-

tion and substituting therefor the following, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 104. Report to be rendered by August 1st, annually; what it shall contain.** Every educational institution receiving state aid, and the officers and teachers of every academy receiving money from the state, and of every academy or private school approved for attendance or tuition purposes, shall annually, on or before the first day of August, report to the state superintendent of public schools the total and average attendance, an account of the moneys received and expended during the preceding year, the number of instructors, and such schools as are approved for state aid or tuition purposes shall report such other items as he may require. Such reports shall be published in the annual report of the state superintendent of public schools. Every such educational institution failing to comply with the above requirements shall forfeit whatever aid or assistance it would otherwise receive from the state. Wherever in sections ninety-eight to one hundred and four, inclusive, the word "academy" occurs, it shall be construed to include "seminary or institute."'

Approved March 27, 1919.

## Chapter 118.

An Act to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Eighty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Service of Certain Kinds of Writs.

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

**R. S., c. 86, § 18; relating to the service of writs on residents by original summons, amended.** Section eighteen of chapter eighty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**'Sec. 18. Writ of replevin not to be served by reading.** Where the process is by original summons, wherein the law does not require a separate summons to be left with the defendant, service by reading the writ or original summons to the defendant, or by giving him in hand, or leaving at his dwelling-house or last and usual place of abode, a certified copy thereof, fourteen days before it is returnable, is sufficient, except in case of replevin. The writ of replevin shall not be served by reading, but service by giving the defendant in hand, or leaving at his dwelling-house or last and usual place of abode, a certified copy thereof, fourteen days before it is returnable, is sufficient.'

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