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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1919

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## **NOTICE**

Petitions, the number of signatures upon which aggregate in excess of 10,000, have been filed with the Secretary of State, requesting that Chapter 120 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled "An Act Granting to Women the Right to Vote for Presidential Electors", be referred to the people to be voted upon in accordance with the provisions of section 17 of part third of article four of the constitution.

FRANK W. BALL,  
Secretary of State.

**The following law  
(P.L. 1919, ch. 120)  
survived a people's veto,  
September 13, 1920**

**Question:**

**"Shall Chapter 120 of the Public Laws of 1919 entitled 'An Act Granting to Women the Right to Vote for Presidential Electors,' become a law?"**

**Yes: 88,080**

**No: 30,462**

## Chapter 119.

AN Act to Amend Section Six of Chapter Sixty-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Non-resident Fishing Licenses.

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

1917, c. 66, § 6; 1917, c. 244; relating to disposition of non-resident fishing license fees. Section six of chapter sixty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

**‘Sec. 6. Appropriation to which license fees shall be credited.** All license fees collected by virtue of this act shall be paid by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to the state treasurer, and shall be credited to the appropriation for the operation of fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, and for printing the report of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and other expenses incident to the administration of the department of inland fisheries and game, and shall be expended by said commissioner for the propagation and protection of inland fish in this state, and said commissioner is hereby authorized to receive and expend said moneys in the manner and for the purposes as herein specified; provided, however, that if any license fees are not expended during the year in which they are collected the unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall be available for the purposes herein specified until expended.’

Approved March 28, 1919.

## Chapter 120.

An Act Granting to Women the Right to Vote for Presidential Electors.

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

**Sec. 1. Women may vote for presidential electors; qualifications.** Every female citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, who, not being prevented by physical disability from so doing, is able to read the constitution of the state in the English language, in such manner as to show that she is neither prompted nor reciting from memory, and to write her name, and shall have her residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any national election, shall be allowed to vote at such election in the city, town, or plantation where her residence is so established for presidential electors, provided

that the name of such female shall have been entered upon the voting lists of such city, town, or plantation in the same manner as provided for male voters under the provisions of chapter five of the revised statutes of Maine, and all amendments thereof, entitled "The Qualification and Registration of Voters," and provided that no female citizen of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote as aforesaid unless she has resided in the United States for at least five years.

**Sec. 2. Voting lists to be prepared.** Boards of registration, municipal officers, selectmen, and assessors, authorized under the provisions of chapter five of the revised statutes of Maine to prepare a voting list, shall enter thereon the names of all female voters qualified under the provisions of section one of this act in the same manner as male voters.

Approved March 28, 1919.

## Chapter 121.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter Ninety-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Recording of Chattel Mortgages.

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

**R. S., c. 96, § 1; relating to validity of mortgages on personal property, amended.** Section one of chapter ninety-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" in the seventh, eleventh and twenty-eighth lines thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'twenty', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Time limit changed from ten to twenty days.** No mortgage of personal property executed and delivered after the third day of July, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall be valid against a trustee in bankruptcy or an assignee in insolvency of the mortgagor, or against an assignee under a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors of the mortgagor, or against any person other than the mortgagor, unless and until possession of such property is delivered to the mortgagee within twenty days from the date written in said mortgage, or, when undated, then from the date of execution and delivery of the same, and unless such possession is retained by the mortgagee, or unless and until the mortgage is recorded within the said period of twenty days in the office of the clerk of the city, town or plantation organized for any purpose, in which the mortgagor resides when the mortgage is given, or registry of deeds as hereinafter provided. When all mortgagors reside without the state, the mortgage shall be so recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the registry district where the property is when the mortgage is made; but if a part of the mortgagors reside in the state, then in the cities, towns or plantations so organized in which such mortgagors reside when the mort-