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Chapter 154.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-two of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes,
Relating to the Law Court.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 42; prohibiting justices from sitting in review on own rulings, amended. Section forty-two of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out from said section the following words: "In which any of his rulings and findings are the subject of review", so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 42. Justice not to sit in review of causes tried before him whether any of his rulings or findings are subject or not. No justice shall sit in the law court upon the hearing of any cause tried before him, nor take any part in the decision thereof.'

Approved April 1, 1919.

Chapter 155.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-three of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes,
Relating to Vacancies in the Membership of Superintending School Committees.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 33; relating to organization of school committees and the filling of vacancies, amended. Section thirty-three of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is amended by adding to said section the following words: 'In case any member of the superintending school committee shall remove from the town or be absent for more than ninety days a vacancy shall be declared to exist and the remaining members shall within thirty days thereafter choose another member as hereinbefore provided. Whenever the remaining members fail to appoint a person to fill a vacancy the same may be filled by election at a town meeting called for the purpose', so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 33. Vacancy declared when member moves from town or absent more than ninety days; if not filled by committee in thirty days may be filled by election. School committees first chosen shall designate by lot a member or members to hold office for one, two and three years respectively, in manner as follows: one for one year, one for two years and one for three years; and they shall certify such designation to the town clerk to be by him recorded; and thereafterwards one member shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the town, to hold office for three years. Said committee may fill vacancies occurring between annual meetings, and the term of office of any member of the committee so chosen shall expire at the next annual meeting. No member of the superintending school

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committee of any town shall be employed as a teacher in any public school in said town. In case any member of the superintending school committee shall remove from the town or be absent for more than ninety days a vacancy shall be declared to exist and the remaining members shall within thirty days thereafter choose another member as hereinbefore provided. Whenever the remaining members fail to appoint a person to fill a vacancy the same may be filled by election at a town meeting called for the purpose.'

Approved April 1, 1919.

Chapter 156.

An Act to Amend Sections Sixty and Sixty-one of Chapter Nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Taxation of Savings Banks.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, § 60; relative to assessment of tax on franchises of savings banks, amended. Section sixty of chapter nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "five-eighths" in the twenty-first line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'one-half', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 60. Rates reduced from five-eighths to one-half. The board of state assessors shall thereupon determine the values of the several franchises of the said banks and institutions according to the following rule: From the average amount of deposits, reserve fund and undivided profits so returned by each bank or institution there shall in each case be deducted an amount equal to the value so determined of United States bonds, all bonds issued after the first day of February nineteen hundred and nine by this state, or any county, municipality, village corporation or water district therein, the shares of corporation stocks such as are by law of this state free from taxation to the stockholders, and the assessed value of real estate owned by the bank or institution, and also an amount equal to two-fifths of the value so determined of such other assets, loans and investments as by such statement appear to be loans to persons resident or corporations located and doing business in this state, investments in mortgages on real estate in this state, securities of this state, public or private, bonds issued by corporations located and doing business in this state or guaranteed by such corporations, provided, the corporations issuing such bonds be operated by and physically connected with such guaranteeing corporations, and also an amount equal to two-fifths of the cash on hand and cash deposited within the state. Upon the value of each of said franchises so ascertained the board of state assessors shall assess an annual tax of one-half of one per cent; one-half of said tax shall be assessed on or before the fifteenth day of May, and one-half on or before the