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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

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# STATE OF MAINE

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exceptions alleged and not allowed. All motions for new trials, as against law or evidence, shall be filed during the term at which verdict is rendered, but in no case later than thirty days after verdict rendered.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

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## Chapter 228.

An Act to Provide an Equalization Fund for Secondary Schools.

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

**Sec. 1. Equalization fund for secondary schools created; term "secondary schools" defined.** There is hereby established a fund to be known as the equalization fund for secondary schools. The term secondary schools shall be interpreted to include all free high schools and academies. The state superintendent of public schools is hereby authorized, after due investigation, to recommend to the governor and council in December of each year the payment of such amounts as he may deem advisable from this fund for the purpose of aiding such high schools or academies as appear to merit special assistance for the purpose of increasing the length of the school year, improving equipment and instruction and for purposes other than for new buildings. Upon such recommendation the governor and council may draw warrants upon the treasurer of state in favor of the legal representatives of the several academies or of the treasurer of the towns included in said recommendation.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section one of this act there is hereby annually appropriated the sum of forty thousand dollars.

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## Chapter 229.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-two of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Eighty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Increasing the Annual Appropriation for the Attorney General's Department.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 72; 1917, c. 283; relating to appropriation for attorney general's department for apprehension of criminals, etc., amended. Section seventy-two of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out the word "seventy-five" in the second line of said section and by inserting in place thereof the words 'twelve thousand five'; so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

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'**Sec. 72. Appropriation increased to \$12,500.** For said purpose the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars shall be appropriated each year, and so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended under the direction of the attorney general. The governor and council may draw their warrants from time to time, for the expenditure of said sum upon the presentation of bills properly avouched by the attorney general. The attorney general shall at the request of any state department, make or cause to be made investigations in behalf of such department and he shall also prosecute any case to such extent as may seem advisable; and the expense of such investigation and prosecution shall be charged to this appropriation.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

## Chapter 230.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Seventy of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Amount to be Expended by the Insurance Commissioner in Investigating Fires.

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

**R. S., c. 30, § 55; 1917, c. 270; relating to investigation by insurance commissioner of origin of fires, amended.** Section fifty-five of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and seventy of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines of said section the words "employ such clerks and assistants, provide such blanks and"; also by striking out the words "two thousand dollars" in the fourth and fifth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand one hundred dollars annually'; so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 55. Appropriation limit increased.** The insurance commissioner may incur such expense, as may be necessary to carry out his duties in investigating or causing to be investigated the origin of fires and the inspection of buildings and property, not to exceed three thousand one hundred dollars annually and all bills and expenses incurred shall be audited by the state auditor.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

## Chapter 231.

An Act Relating to Appropriations for the Department of Labor and Industry.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 49, § 9; relating to appointment of commissioner of labor and industry, duties and powers, and appropriation for department,**