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or so long before the close of the polls therein as to give him time so to do, he shall go in person to the polling place where he is entitled to vote and cast his ballot, or offer to cast his ballot, in person. Any such voter who shall wilfully or knowingly neglect to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not more than thirty days in jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 146. Secretary of State to furnish printed information and full instructions to local election officials in regard to absent voting. The secretary of state shall prepare for the use of election officials, city and town clerks and the officials having charge of the registration of voters in the various cities and towns of the state, such printed information and instructions, subject to approval by the attorney general, as he may deem proper to facilitate the operation of this act. Such printed matter shall be transmitted to said officials prior to each election. The secretary is further authorized to prepare and distribute, subject to like approval, such general information relative to this act as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 147. Penalty for violations by private individuals and election officials. Whoever, not being entitled to vote under the provisions of this act votes or attempts to vote under the provisions hereof, or whoever, being entitled to vote under the provisions of this act, knowingly votes or attempts to vote in violation of the terms hereof, or whoever being an official entrusted with the execution of this act wilfully or negligently violates any provision thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and by imprisonment in jail for not over one year.

Sec. 148. Not effective until constitution is amended, as proposed. This act shall not take effect unless and until the constitution of this state is amended by striking out the word "present" in the fifth and thirty-fourth lines of section five, article four, part first, thereof, or is otherwise amended so as to allow the casting of ballots at elections by voters not present at the polls in person.

Approved March 21, 1921.

Chapter 39.

An Act to Amend Section Ninety-eight of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Exchange of Justices of Superior Courts.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 98; relating to sessions of superior courts, when justice is ill or for any reason cannot preside, amended. Section ninety-eight of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended

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by striking out the word "judge" in the first and third lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'justice'; also by adding after the word "same" in the fourth line thereof the following: 'or whenever it is deemed advantageous or expedient, any justice of a superior court may by mutual agreement hold the court of any other justice for an entire term or any part thereof'; also by striking out the word "either" in the fifth and seventh lines and inserting in the place thereof the word 'any'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 98. Term "judge", used in connection with superior court, changed to justice; justice of one superior court may hold court of another justice, by mutual agreement for entire term or any part. Whenever a justice of a superior court, by reason of illness, death or other cause, is prevented from holding his court, any other justice of a superior court or any justice of the supreme judicial court by order of the chief justice, shall hold the same; or whenever it is deemed advantageous or expedient, any justice of a superior court may by mutual agreement hold the court of any other justice for an entire term or any part thereof. And during a vacancy in the office of justice of any of the superior courts, all writs issued from the office of the clerk thereof, shall bear teste of any one of the justices of the supreme judicial court. Whenever the justice of any of the superior courts is disqualified by interest, relationship or other lawful cause from trying any cause pending in his said court, said case shall thereupon be transferred to the docket of the supreme judicial court for the county, and be disposed of in said court according to law.'

Approved March 21, 1921.

Chapter 40.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-three of Chapter Seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Acknowledgment of Deeds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 78, § 23; 1919, c. 14 and c. 240; relating to acknowledgment of deeds, which was repealed by 1919, c. 240; re-enacted in an amended form. Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter fourteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, and as further amended or affected by chapter two hundred forty of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen passed at the special session held November fourth to November eighth, nineteen hundred nineteen, supplementary to the public laws of the regular session, is hereby further amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

'Sec. 23. Re-enacted in same form as it was previous to the amendment of 1919, c. 14. Deeds shall be acknowledged by the grantors,