

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Chapter 51.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-three of Chapter Two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appointment of Dedimus Justices.

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

**R. S., c. 2, § 43; relating to the appointment of qualifying officers, amended.** Section forty-three of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "persons" in the second line thereof the words, 'who shall be designated as dedimus justices'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 43. Providing that they be designated dedimus justices.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint in every county, persons who shall be designated as dedimus justices, before whom the oath, required by the constitution to qualify civil officers, may be taken and subscribed. Such persons shall exercise their powers and duties, and shall be commissioned to act within and for every county. This section shall apply to such persons appointed and commissioned prior to the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and eleven, and shall validate any acts theretofore or thereafter done by them which would be valid hereunder.

Approved March 24, 1921.

## Chapter 52.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-seven of Chapter Twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appropriation for the Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

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

**R. S., c. 24, § 37; relating to the appropriation for the abolishment or alteration of grade crossings, amended.** Section thirty-seven of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "year" in the second line thereof the words, 'except as herein provided,' by striking out in the second line the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten,' and by adding at the end of said section the following paragraph:

'The amounts to be appropriated under the provisions of this section shall be cumulative and any part of said sum of ten thousand dollars not expended during the year for which it is appropriated shall, at the close of said year, be added to the sums subsequently appropriated, and may be expended in any subsequent year or years'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 37. Limit of appropriation decreased from \$15,000 to \$10,000, except as otherwise specifically provided; appropriation to be a**

**continuing one.** The amount to be paid under the provisions of the three preceding sections by the state in any one year, except as herein provided, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and said sum shall be annually appropriated. The amounts to be appropriated under the provisions of this section shall be cumulative and any part of said sum of ten thousand dollars not expended during the year for which it is appropriated shall, at the close of said year, be added to the sums subsequently appropriated, and may be expended in any subsequent year or years.'

Approved March 25, 1921.

## Chapter 53.

An Act to Prevent the Manufacture and Exhibition of Moving Picture Film Involving in its Preparation Intentional and Deliberate Cruelty to Animals.

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

**Sec. 1. Moving picture films not to involve in preparation deliberate cruelty to animals.** It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully, as owner, manufacturer, photographer, exhibitor, manager, director or agent or in any other capacity to prepare, manufacture, make, exhibit or participate in the preparation, manufacturing, making or exhibiting of any moving or motion picture film involving in its preparation, manufacture or making, intentional and deliberate cruelty to animals for the sole purpose of furnishing a scene for said moving or motion picture film.

**Sec. 2. Penalty for violation.** Any person who violates any provision of this act shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any corporation violating any such provision shall be responsible for the knowledge and acts of its agents and servants therein and shall be punished by a fine as herein provided, and such corporation and its agent or servant may be punished for the same act.

**Sec. 3. Jurisdiction.** Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this chapter.

Approved March 25, 1921.

## Chapter 54.

An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Office of Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner and to Transfer the Duties of said Office to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

**Office of live stock sanitary commissioner abolished; duties transferred to commissioner of agriculture; no new division or official**