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missioner except as hereinafter provided shall hold office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed. Two of said commissioners shall belong to the political party casting the largest number of votes for governor at the last preceding election and one from the political party casting the second largest vote for governor at the same election. They shall exercise supervision over all the fisheries and their products taken from the tide waters within the state, including the proper enforcement of all laws relating to the catching, packing, curing, manufacturing, selling, branding and transportation of all kinds of pickled, salt, smoked, fresh, canned or frozen shell or other fish. They shall have authority to make rules and regulations governing the time, manner and conditions of taking fish, shell-fish and lobsters and may declare a close time on such varieties and in such localities as they may determine; but such rules and regulations shall be made and such close time declared only after hearing, reasonable notice of which shall have been given by publication or otherwise to all parties interested. Rules and regulations so made and close time so declared shall be held to take precedence over any then existing provisions of statute inconsistent therewith. Whoever violates the rules and regulations so made or the close time so declared shall be liable to the same fines and penalties as are provided in section seventeen of chapter forty-five engaging in the lobster business without a license.'

Approved April 1, 1921.

Chapter 83.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Forest Fire Fighters in the Maine Forestry District.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 70; relating to action to be taken by chief and deputy fire wardens when a forest fire starts, amended. Section seventy of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the sixteenth line thereof, and substituting in place thereof the word 'thirty,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 70. Assistants summoned to help check forest fires to be paid thirty cents an hour instead of twenty cents. Whenever a fire occurs on, or is likely to do damage to forest lands within the district of any chief forest fire warden, he shall take immediate action to control and extinguish the same. If such fire occurs upon or is likely to do damage to forest lands within the territory of a deputy forest fire warden and the chief fire warden of the district is not present, the deputy forest fire warden

having jurisdiction of the territory shall forthwith proceed to control and extinguish the same, and he shall meanwhile, with all consistent dispatch, cause the said chief fire warden of the district to be notified of the occurrence of such fire. Until the arrival of the chief warden at the place of fire, the deputy warden shall be in charge of the control and extinguishment of the same. For the purpose of controlling and extinguishing fires, chief forest fire wardens, and deputy forest fire wardens, when in charge of the control and extinguishment of forest fires or when so directed by the chief warden, may summon to their assistance any person found within the state and each person so summoned and assisting shall be paid thirty cents for each hour of service rendered by him and be provided with subsistence during such service. Immediately after the extinguishment of a fire, the deputy forest fire warden who for any time may have been in charge of the same, shall make return to the chief warden of the district of the expense thereof during the period of his being in charge, including the names of the persons so summoned and assisting, with their post office addresses and the hours of labor actually performed by each under his direction. The return shall be made upon oath and the chief warden is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such oath. Upon receipt of such return, the chief fire warden shall carefully examine and audit the same, and he may direct the deputy to amend and correct any return found to be incomplete, incorrect, or insufficient in form. If upon examination and auditing of said return, and investigation of the subject matter thereof, the chief fire warden believes said return to be just and correct, he shall endorse his written approval thereon and forward the same so approved to the forest commissioner. The chief fire warden of every district burned by a forest fire shall, upon the extinguishment of such fire, promptly forward an extract and detailed statement of the expense, if any, which he may have incurred in connection with the extinguishment of such fire, to the forest commissioner, who may confirm, reject or recommit, either or both, the approved return of said deputy or the detailed statement of the chief fire warden, if justice so requires.'

Approved April 1, 1921.

Chapter 84.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 53, § 36; relating to the assessment on premium notes of mutual insurance companies, amended. Section thirty-six of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following: