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regularly elected incumbent of the office, the governor shall appoint a commissioner of agriculture to serve until the election of his successor, as provided by law, and his qualification,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. When vacancy occurs governor to appoint.** A state department of agriculture shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry. A commissioner of agriculture shall be elected by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention, and shall hold his office for the term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the state, with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved by the treasurer of state, conditioned to faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him as said commissioner. The commissioner of agriculture may, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a deputy commissioner of agriculture, who shall be the chief of one of the department bureaus in the department of agriculture, and shall perform the duties of the commissioner of agriculture during his absence, in addition to his duties as chief of a department bureau. The deputy commissioner shall hold office during the term of office of the commissioner or until his successor is appointed, and his compensation and expenses shall be paid from any funds appropriated for the use of the department bureau of which he is chief. When the office of commissioner of agriculture shall become vacant by reason of the death, resignation, removal or inability to serve of the regularly elected incumbent of the office, the governor shall appoint a commissioner of agriculture to serve until the election of his successor, as provided by law, and his qualification.'

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## Chapter 89.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-four of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Night Hunting of Skunks and Raccoons.

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 74; 1917, c. 219, § 74; 1919, c. 196; relating to night hunting, amended.** Section seventy-four of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "raccoons" in the fourteenth line of said section the words, 'and skunks';

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and by striking out the words "August fifteenth" in the fourteenth line of said section and substituting therefor the words 'September first'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 74. Not to apply to raccoons and skunks during September and October.** There shall be a closed season on wild birds in this state from sunset to half an hour before sunrise of the following morning, and on wild animals from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise of the following morning, during which closed season it shall be unlawful to hunt, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal of any kind. No person shall have in possession, at any time, any wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense; provided, however, that if any protected wild birds or wild animals are hunted, killed, destroyed or had in possession in violation of this section the penalty shall be the same as is now imposed therefor during other closed season; provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the hunting of raccoons and skunks at night from September first to October thirty-first, following, of each year, both days inclusive.'

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## Chapter 90.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-four of Chapter Eleven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Collection of Poll Taxes.

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

**R. S., c. 11, § 64; providing that the municipal officers may direct suit for taxes, amended.** Section sixty-four of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "no" in next to the last line of said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 64. Execution issued on a judgment for collection of poll tax to run against body of judgment debtor.** In addition to other provisions for the collection of taxes legally assessed, the mayor and treasurer of any city, the selectmen of any town, and the assessors of any plantation to which a tax is due, may in writing direct an action of debt to be commenced in the name of such city or of the inhabitants of such town or plantation, against the party liable; but no such defendant is liable