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the sum of four thousand dollars for the period from January first, nineteen hundred twenty-one to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred twenty-one, and ninety thousand dollars for the year from July first, nineteen hundred twenty-one to June thirtieth nineteen hundred twenty-two, and annually thereafter and any unexpended balance of this amount shall be added to the permanent school fund. All reports required under said sections shall be filed annually with the state superintendent of public schools on or before the first day of July, and state aid shall be payable during the month of December next succeeding.'

Approved April 4, 1921.

Chapter 103.

An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Twenty-one of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Burying-grounds.

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

R. S., c. 21, § 13; providing for the acceptance of the title to private burying grounds by towns and cemetery corporations, amended. Section thirteen of chapter twenty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by the addition of the following words: 'And any such city, town, or cemetery corporation, failing to furnish proper care and attention to any burial lot, the perpetual care whereof has been provided for as above, shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. The judges of municipal and police courts and trial justices within their respective counties shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts; and of all fines provided for by this section, and recovered on complaint, one half shall go to the prosecutor and one half to the county where the trustee or the town committing the offense is situated, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to compel any such city, town or cemetery corporation to expend in any one year upon any such lot, more than the income from any such fund' so that said section thirteen as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Creating a penalty for failure to care for burial lot after fund for that purpose has been accepted; jurisdiction of offenses; disposition of fines; need not expend more than the income. Any city, town, cemetery corporation, trust company or trustee may accept any conveyance of land not exceeding half an acre, to be forever held, kept and used for a private or family burying-ground for the grantors and such of their heirs and relatives by blood or marriage as the conveyance shall designate. Such lot and all erections thereon, including the erection and maintenance of the same, and fixtures thereto suitable for its use or

adornment as a burying-ground, are forever inalienable and indivisible, and exempt from liability for debt. Such city, town, corporation, company or trustee may also accept and forever hold any donation or legacy for insuring proper care and attention to any burial lot or ground and the avenues thereof and the monuments thereon. Having accepted such donation or legacy, said trustee becomes bound to perform the duties appertaining to the trust as specified in the writing creating the same, or, in default of such specification, as required by law, and as in cases of public charity. Any city or town without giving bond therefor may be appointed by the probate court, testamentary trustee for the purpose of holding forever in accordance with the provisions of this section and the terms of the devise any fund devised for the purposes aforesaid, in any will probated after the first day of January, eighteen hundred ninety-two. And any such city, town, or cemetery corporation, failing to furnish proper care and attention to any burial lot, the perpetual care whereof has been provided for as above, shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. The judges of municipal and police courts and trial justices within their respective counties shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts; and of all fines provided for by this section, and recovered on complaint, one-half shall go to the prosecutor and one-half to the county where the trustee or the town committing the offense is situated, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to compel any such city, town or cemetery corporation to expend in any one year upon any such lot, more than the income from any such fund.'

Approved April 4, 1921.

Chapter 104.

An Act to Amend Section Eleven of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Forty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Salaries of Stenographers of Cumberland and Kennebec Superior Courts.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 11; 1917, c. 249; 1919, c. 198; relating to salaries of stenographers of Cumberland and Kennebec superior courts, amended. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen and as further amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines the words "Cumberland, twenty-one hundred dollars a year," and inserting in place thereof the words 'Cumberland, twenty-