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within the meaning of section sixteen of part third of article nine of the constitution, and this bill is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Execution of bonds of "Maine Military Service Loan, Act of 1919" made valid. All bonds issued in the name of the State of Maine under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, signed by Jos. W. Simpson as treasurer and countersigned by Carl E. Milliken as governor, are hereby declared to constitute legal and binding obligations of this state and the faith and credit of the state are pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds according to their terms and the provisions of law under which the same were issued, irrespective of the date of the execution of the same by the said Jos. W. Simpson and Carl E. Milliken, or their authority to act in the name and behalf of the state at the time of said execution.

Sec. 2. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 166.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-nine of Chapter Sixty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Appointment of Public Administrators.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 68, § 29; relating to the appointment of public administrators, amended. Section twenty-nine of chapter sixty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the words, "When a vacancy occurs in any county," and in line third thereof the word "therein"; and by inserting after the word "appoint" in the second line thereof the following, 'in each county for the term of four years, unless sooner removed'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 29. Providing for the appointment of a public administrator in each county. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint in each county for the term of four years, unless sooner removed, a public administrator who shall take out letters of administration and administer on the estate of persons who die intestate in such county, not known to have in the state any heirs or kindred who

can lawfully inherit such estate; and who shall account in like manner, and give bond to the judge with like conditions, as in cases of ordinary administration, and with the further condition, in substance, that he will comply with the following section.'

Sec. 2. Not to be construed as permitting appointment in addition to the appointee now holding office. This act shall not be construed to permit the appointment in any county of a public administrator in addition to any appointee holding such office at the time this act goes into effect.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 167.

An Act to Amend Section Ten of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and by Chapter Seventy-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Appointment of Probation Officers.

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

R. S., c. 137, § 10; 1917, c. 203; 1919, c. 76, § 1; relating to the appointment of probation officers. Section ten of chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred three of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen and by section one of chapter seventy-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "such" in the fifth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'the'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Tenure of office subject to pleasure of "the" governor and council instead of "such" governor and council. The governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint in any county of the state where in his judgment such appointment is advisable, one probation officer, who shall be a male citizen of the county in which he is appointed and of good moral character; he shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor and council, and shall receive as his compensation such sum as the county commissioners of his county shall fix, which shall be paid from the county treasury in equal monthly installments. The county commissioners of such county shall at their next session after such appointment by the governor, determine and fix the amount of such compensation, which shall not be diminished during the term of office of a probation officer, but may be increased if it seems just to the county commissioners so to do. In addition to such compensation, each probation officer shall receive monthly such sums as he has reasonably and properly paid for his expenses incurred in the performance of his duty; each pro-