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part of any existing statute. And all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 137.

An Act Authorizing the City of Portland to Transfer the Statuary and Fund Received by it as a Legacy under the Last Will and Testament of Franklin Simmons to Portland Society of Art.

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

Statuary and fund received under will of Franklin Simmons may be transferred to Portland Society of Art. The City of Portland is hereby authorized to transfer to Portland Society of Art the statuary and fund received by it as a legacy under the last will and testament of Franklin Simmons, upon such terms and conditions and subject to such provisions as the city council of said City of Portland shall determine.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 138.

An Act to Amend Chapter Four Hundred and Twenty-four of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-seven, and Section One of Chapter Four Hundred and Eighty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five, Relating to Pensions for Police Officers for the City of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1897, c. 424, § 1; providing for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland on half pay, amended. Section one of chapter four hundred and twenty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 3. Authorizing payment of annuity to dependents of members of police force who lost life in performance of official duties. The City of Portland may pay to the widow of any member of said police force who lost his life in the performance of his official duties by injury or exposure, an annuity of not more than twenty-five dollars per month so long as she remains a widow and in need of such annuity for her support. And in case there are minor children or other persons dependent upon such member of said police force for support at the time he lost his life, said city may pay to such children or persons (if there is no such widow) an annuity of not more than twenty-five dollars per month for such period as the city council of said city may determine.'

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Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1885, c. 486, § 1; relating to the appointment and qualification of police officers of the City of Portland, amended.

Section one of chapter four hundred eighty-six of the special and private laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five relating to police officers of the City of Portland is hereby amended so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Qualifications of members of police force, retirement age increased to sixty-five years. No person shall be appointed to the police or watch of the City of Portland, as policeman, patrolman, watchman, or keeper, or for any position of like rank, or for any position of inferior rank thereto, unless such person shall be a citizen of the United States and not over forty-five years, nor under twenty-five years of age, and shall have successfully passed a competitive examination as herein provided, within two years before said appointment, and shall have had a continuous residence in the City of Portland, from at least two years before said examination to the time of said appointment. When any policeman, watchman or keeper shall have arrived at the age of sixty-five years he may be honorably discharged. The mayor and aldermen shall, as soon as may be, after the passage of this act, provide for such competitive examination by proper rules and regulations, which rules and regulations may thereafterwards be amended by said mayor and aldermen.'

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 139.

An Act to Legalize and Make Valid Certain Acts of the Assessors of the Town of Danforth for the Year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty and Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, in the assessment of taxes for the municipal year of nineteen hundred and twenty and nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the assessors of the Town of Danforth erroneously computed the tax rate for said year at an amount greater than that allowed by law and assessed upon the inhabitants and property of said town an aggregate tax greater than that permitted under existing law, and,

Whereas, by reason of said erroneous action of said assessors a portion of said tax remains uncollected and the right of the town to hold the amount of the taxes already collected is in question, and,

Whereas, the foregoing facts constitute an emergency in the judgment of this legislature, and the passage of the following act is urgently required in the interests of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,