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selling of pools or registering of bets upon any race, game, contest, act or event, and that persons resort to the same for any such purpose, or that implements, apparatus or materials intended to be used in any form of gambling are there kept or deposited, such magistrate, whether the names of the persons last mentioned are known to the complainant or not, shall issue a warrant, commanding the sheriff or any of his deputies or any constable or police officer to enter such tenement or other place, and to arrest the keepers thereof, all persons in any way assisting in keeping the same, whether as janitor, door keeper, watchman, or otherwise, all persons who are there found participating in any form of gambling and all persons present whether so participating or not, if any lottery, policy or pool tickets, slips, checks, manifold books or sheets, memoranda of any bet, or other implements, apparatus or materials of any form of gambling are found in said place, and to take into their custody all the implements, apparatus or materials of gambling, as aforesaid, and all the personal property, furniture and fixtures, so that they may be forthcoming before some court or magistrate, to be dealt with according to law. All articles and property seized under the provisions of this section, or found in the possession or under the control of any person arrested for keeping or assisting in keeping a gambling house or for gambling, shall be disposed of in the manner provided in the following section for the disposal of counterfeiting and burglars' tools; and the finding in any tenement or other place of any lottery, policy or pool tickets, slips, checks, manifold books or sheets, memoranda of any bet, or other implements, apparatus or materials of any form of gambling shall be prima facie evidence that said tenement or other place is occupied, used, kept and resorted to for the purpose of gambling.'

Approved March 8, 1923.

Chapter 30.

An Act to Amend the Eighteenth Paragraph of Section Forty-three of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Time of Payments by Registers of Deeds to County Treasurers.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 43; relating to compensation of registers of deeds, amended. The eighteenth paragraph of section forty-three of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by striking out the word "first" in the eighth line of said paragraph, and substituting therefor the word 'fifteenth,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Registers of deeds to account quarterly on the fifteenth days of January,

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April, July and October. The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for the performance of all official duties and no other fees or compensation shall be allowed them. All registers, except in the western district of Oxford county, shall devote their entire time to the duties of the office. They shall account quarterly under oath to the county treasurers for all fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of the office, specifying the items, and shall pay the whole amount of the same to the treasurers of their respective counties quarterly on the fifteenth days of January, April, July and October of each year. They may make abstracts and copies from the records and furnish the same to persons calling for them and may charge a reasonable fee for such service, but shall not give an opinion upon the title to real estate. Fees charged by them for abstracts and copies shall be retained by them and not paid to the county.'

Approved March 8, 1923.

Chapter 31.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Authorizing Complaint by a Utility Against Itself, and Empowering the Public Utilities Commission to Order Refund.

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

R. S., c. 55, sec. 50; P. L., 1917, c. 131; authorizing a utility to make complaint against itself, amended. Section fifty of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by inserting in the first line thereof the words 'The Public Utilities Commission may institute or,' and by striking out in the seventh line thereof the word "thirty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'ninety,' and by inserting in said seventh line thereof after the word "days," the words 'after the rendering of any service within the State of Maine,' and by striking out in said seventh line thereof the word "published" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'filed,' and by striking out in the eleventh line thereof the words "six months" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'two years,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 50. The public utilities commission may institute complaint; rate to be filed within 90 days; complaint may be made at any time within two years. The Public Utilities Commission may institute or any public utility may make complaint as to any matter affecting its own product, service or charges, with like effect as though made by any ten persons, firms, corporations or associations. And the commission may authorize reparation or adjustment where the utility admits that a rate charged was excessive or unreasonable, or collected through error, and it appears that the utility