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AS PASSED BY THE

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session and the latter three days in closed session. No name, except as hereinafter provided, shall be added to or stricken from the general register of voters after nine o'clock in the afternoon of the last of said days devoted to registration as above. Said board shall not place upon said voting lists during said revision of the same, the name of any person who shall not personally appear before said board in open session and request it; but nothing in this chapter shall be so construed as to require any voter, whose name is already upon any ward list and who afterwards moves from said ward to any other ward in said city, to appear personally before said board in order that his name may be transferred from one ward list to another. On the last of said secular days devoted to the completion of the records as above provided, the sessions of the board shall close at five o'clock in the afternoon, and certified copies of said voting lists shall at that hour be delivered to the clerks of said cities and receipts taken therefor. The wardens of cities shall be governed by said revised and corrected lists; and no names shall be added to or stricken from said lists on the day of election, except as hereinafter provided, and no person shall vote at any election whose name is not on said lists. No board of registration shall be answerable for any omission of a name or residence from said voting lists or for any error in the same, unless such name and residence are correctly entered in said general register of voters; but on the day of election said board shall be in session, and shall give to any voter whose name has been stricken from said general register or omitted from said voting list through any error of the assessors or said board, or in whose name or residence as placed on said voting list a clerical error has been made, a certificate signed by a majority of the board, giving the corrected name and residence of such person, and directed to the officer presiding over the election; such officer shall on receipt of such certificate, allow the person therein named to vote and shall check his name on said certificate, and securely attach said certificate to said voting list. In case any person is aggrieved by any order or decision of said board, the whole case, upon petition for mandamus, shall be re-examined and determined by any justice of the supreme judicial court in said county, which determination, however, shall not affect any election held prior to said decision of said justice. No costs shall be allowed either party in any such proceeding.'

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 130.

An Act to Amend Chapter Eighty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three, Relating to Close Time on Scallops, for the Purpose of Correcting a Clerical Error.

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

P. L., 1923, c. 83; reference to R. S., c. 22, changed to c. 45 to correct

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clerical error. The first paragraph of chapter eighty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-two" in the first line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'forty-five,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section sixty-seven of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended, by adding thereto the following: 'So much of this section as relates to buying or selling or exposing for sale or the possession of scallops shall not apply to scallops taken outside of the waters of the State of Maine,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:'

Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 131.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-seven of Chapter Ten of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Assessors Making Abatements and Recording and Reporting Abatements.

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

R. S., c. 10, sec. 77; relating to abatement of taxes by assessors, amended. Section seventy-seven of chapter ten of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by striking out in the fifth line the word "said" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'any' and striking out in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section, the words "They shall keep in suitable book form a record of such abatements, with the reasons for each, and report the same," and inserting in place thereof, the words 'When such abatement is made, a record thereof together with the name of the party or parties benefited by the abatement, and the amount of the abatement together with the reasons for such abatement shall, within thirty days after such abatement, be made and kept in suitable book form, open to the public at reasonable times, and a report of the same be made,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Record of all abatements to be made and kept in book form and open to public inspection. The assessors for the time being, on written application, stating the grounds therefor, within two years from the assessment, may make such reasonable abatement as they think proper. If after two years from the date of assessment a collector is satisfied that a poll-tax or tax upon personal property, or any portion of any tax, committed to him or to any of his predecessors in office for collection, cannot be collected by reason of the death, absence, poverty, insolvency, bankruptcy, or other inability of the person assessed to pay, he shall notify