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AS PASSED BY THE

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CHAP. 156

'Sec. 18. Not less than 100 exhibits of vegetables, fruits or dairy products must be entered and displayed to entitle society to stipend; exception under special conditions. There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not exceeding two cents to each inhabitant of the state, which shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural societies of the state not provided for by special enactment, according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full by said societies; provided, that the stipend shall be based entirely upon the premiums and gratuities actually paid in full on exhibition stocks and products; provided, further, that no society shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society for said purposes; and further provided that no such society shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition grounds not less than one hundred separate and distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner of agriculture or his regularly authorized agent, and that not less than two-thirds of such required number of exhibits shall be of varieties known to be common or standard to the county in which such exhibition is held; provided, also, that each of the said societies, and all agricultural societies receiving aid from the state by special act of the legislature, shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over which they have control, and not allow immoral shows, gambling in any form or games of chance on said grounds. The stipend may, however, be paid to such agricultural society or societies as may display a lesser number of exhibits of vegetables, fruits or dairy products than as hereinbefore required, provided the commissioner of agriculture shall certify that in his opinion such society or societies have been unable for good and sufficient reasons to secure such required number of exhibits.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

Chapter 156.

An Act Additional to "An Act Providing for Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and Their Reappointment as Active Retired Justices."

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

Provisions of act relating to active retired justices made applicable to former retired justices. All the provisions of "An Act Providing for Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and Their Reappointment as Active Retired Justices," approved March fourteen, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, are hereby made applicable to all justices of the supreme judicial court who had retired under the provisions

of the revised statutes, chapter one hundred and seventeen, section seven, and amendments thereto, at a date previous to March fourteen, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

Approved April 4, 1923.

(See Chapter 47, Public Laws 1923)

Chapter 157.

An Act with Reference to the Jurisdiction of the Courts in Certain Cases under Chapter One Hundred and Twenty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Desertion and Non-Support of Families.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 120, sec. 38; relating to desertion and non-support of wife or minor children, amended. Section thirty-eight of chapter one hundred and twenty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "circumstances" in the eleventh line thereof the words 'when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 38. Offense made a felony if of a high or aggravated nature. Whoever shall without lawful excuse desert his wife when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or, being able by means of his property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his wife shall without lawful excuse, wilfully, neglect or refuse to provide such support and maintenance when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or whoever shall without lawful excuse desert his or her minor child or children under the age of sixteen years or being able by means of his or her property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his or her minor child or children under said age, shall wilfully neglect or refuse to provide such support and maintenance when such child or children are in destitute or necessitous circumstances, when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature shall be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years or by both such fine and imprisonment, and if a fine is imposed, the court may direct that it be paid in whole or in part to the wife or to the guardian or custodian of the minor child or children; provided that, before the trial, with the consent of the defendant, or after conviction, instead of imposing the punishment hereinbefore provided, or in addition thereto, the court in its discretion having regard to the circumstances and to the financial ability or earning capacity of the defendant, may make an order, which shall be subject to change by it from time to time as circumstances may require, direct-