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ably discharged, who shall have reached the age of seventy years; provided, however, that any such soldier, sailor or marine, or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, who desires to pay said tax may, on or before the first day of April in each year, notify in writing the assessors of the city, town or plantation in which he or she resides of his or her desire to pay said tax, whereupon said assessors shall assess said tax against said soldier, sailor or marine, or widow of said soldier, sailor or marine, and said soldier, sailor or marine, or widow of said soldier, sailor or marine, shall be legally holden to pay said tax; and provided further, that no property conveyed to such soldier, sailor or marine, or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, for the purpose of obtaining exemption from taxation under this section shall be so exempt, and any attempt to obtain such exemption by means of such fraudulent conveyance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars.'

Approved April 1, 1927.

Chapter 64.

An Act Relating to Rate Schedules of Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 55, sec. 47; P. L., 1917, c. 93; relating to public utilities conforming to decision of commission, amended. Section forty-seven of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes as amended by chapter ninety-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby further amended by striking out the entire section forty-seven as amended and by inserting the following:

'Sec. 47. No change of rates to be made within one year without the approval of the commission; after one year changes in rates subject to the provisions of sec. 28. Every public utility to which such order applies shall make such changes in its schedules on file as may be necessary to make the same conform to said order; and no change thereafter shall be made by any public utility in any such rates, tolls or charges or in any joint rate or rates within one year after the date of said order without the approval of the commission. At the expiration of one year from the date of said order, and thereafter, no change shall be made by any public utility in any such rates, tolls or charges or in any joint rate or rates except in accordance with section twenty-eight of this chapter. Copies of all orders of the commission, certified by the clerk, shall be delivered to the public utility affected thereby and the same shall take effect within such time thereafter as the commission shall prescribe. The supreme judicial court shall have full jurisdiction at law and in equity, upon appli-

cation of the commission or of the attorney general, to enforce all orders of the commission and the performance by public utilities of all duties imposed by law upon them, including the appointment of receivers, agents and special masters to carry its orders and the orders of said commission into effect and clothing them with adequate authority therefor.'

Approved April 1, 1927.

Chapter 65.

An Act Relating to School House Lots Acquired by Condemnation.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 3; P. L., 1921, c. 10; relating to school house lots acquired by condemnation, amended. Section three of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter ten of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out in the eighth line thereof the words "and appraising the damages therefor;" by adding after the word "house" in the twelfth line thereof the word 'lot,' and by striking out in said twelfth line the words "thereon for two years," and inserting in place thereof the words 'used by the town for school purposes for two successive years,' and by inserting after the word "assigns" in the thirteenth line thereof, the words 'on demand by him or them in writing made to the municipal officers of the town, subject to the right of the town to enter upon said lot and remove said school house at any time within six months after said demand,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Lot reverts to owner when not used for school purposes for two successive years, subject to right of town to remove building. When a location for the erection or removal of a school house and requisite buildings has been legally designated, by vote of the town at any town meeting called for that purpose, and the owner thereof refuses to sell, or, in the opinion of the municipal officers, asks an unreasonable price for it, or resides without the state and has no authorized agent or attorney therein, they may lay out a school house lot and playgrounds, not exceeding five acres, and appraise the damages as is provided for laying out town ways, and on payment or tender of such damages, or if such owner does not reside in the state, upon depositing such damages in the treasury of such town for his use, the town designating it may take such lot to be held and used for the purposes aforesaid; and when such school house lot has ceased to be used by the town for school purposes for two successive years, said lot reverts to the owner, his heirs or assigns, on demand by him or them in writing made to the municipal officers of the town, subject to the