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Chapter 75.

An Act in Relation to Filing of Complaints against Removal of Names from List of Qualified Voters.

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

Sec. 1. Citizens may file complaints with supreme judicial court relating to names on voting lists; procedure. Any citizen of the state of Maine may, in term time or vacation, file a complaint with the supreme judicial court stating that his name or that of some other citizen is illegally kept from or placed upon the list of qualified voters of a certain city, town or plantation, and the facts upon which the complaint is based and thereupon the presiding justice in term time or any justice of the supreme judicial court in vacation, shall order service by copy on the officials in charge of placing names on said list of qualified voters and by copy on the citizens named in the petition other than the complainant and set a time and place for a hearing. The decision of the justice of the supreme judicial court hearing the case shall be final on questions of fact but appeals may be had on questions of law as in equity cases. The justice hearing the case may on petition award costs as in equity cases.

Sec. 2. Clerks of courts to certify decision to election officials. The clerk of the supreme judicial court shall certify the decision under the above section to the officials in charge of the list of voters in question, and said officials shall thereupon make up their lists in accordance with the decision.

Approved April 5, 1927.

Chapter 76.

An Act to Amend Act Entitled "The Insolvent Law."

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

R. S., c. 75; additional to the insolvent law. Chapter seventy-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto section seventy-two which shall read as follows:

'Sec. 72. Funds remaining unclaimed twenty years deposited with county treasurer; limitation of actions for. Whenever the register of probate in any county shall have in his hands funds arising from any insolvent estate under this chapter and remaining unclaimed for a period of at least twenty years, the judge of probate for said county on petition of said register of probate may, after such notice as said judge of probate deems proper, order such unclaimed funds to be paid over to the treasurer of such county who shall give a receipt therefor specifying the amount there-

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of and the name and number of the estate from which the said funds arise, which said receipt shall be filed in the probate court for said county as sufficient voucher therefor. No action shall be commenced to recover said funds or any portion thereof after the expiration of six years from the date when said funds are paid over to said county treasurer.'

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 77.

An Act Relating to Increase or Decrease of Capital Stock, or Stock, Bond or Scrip Dividend of Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 55, sec. 39; P. L., 1919, c. 115; relating to decreases and increases of capital stock by public utilities, amended. Section thirty-nine of chapter fifty-five of revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred fifteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out in the sixth line thereof the words "to an amount not exceeding one million dollars," so that said section as amended shall read:

'Sec. 39. Limitation on amount of increase removed. No public utility shall decrease its capital stock or declare any stock, bond or scrip dividend or divide the proceeds of the sale of its own or any stock, bond or scrip among stockholders without the consent of the commission. Any public utility organized under special act of the legislature or under general laws of the state may increase its capital stock upon approval of the commission. The public utility voting to increase its capital stock shall, within fifteen days after such action file notice of the proposed increase with the commission. If such increase is approved, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section forty-two, of chapter fifty-one revised statutes, the commission shall thereupon issue its certificate of approval to the company so increasing its capital stock and shall also cause to be filed a certificate in the office of the secretary of state certifying to such increase.'

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 78.

An Act Making the Father and Mother Joint Natural Guardians of Their Minor Children with Equal Powers and Rights.

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

Sec. 1. Father and mother joint natural guardians of children; neither has paramount rights. The father and mother are the joint natural