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guardians of their minor children and are jointly entitled to the care, custody, control, services and earnings of such children; and neither parent has any rights paramount to the rights of the other with reference to any matter affecting such children.

Sec. 2. Parents may maintain joint action for loss of services; either may sue when one refuses. The parents of a minor child jointly may maintain an action for loss of the services or earnings of such child when such loss is caused by the negligent or wrongful act of another. But where one parent refuses to sue, the other may sue alone. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit, amend, supersede or affect the provisions of the workmen's compensation law or acts in amendment thereof.

Sec. 3. When one parent is dead or has abandoned child, rights devolve on other. If one of the parents of a minor child be dead or has abandoned such child, all parental rights respecting such child shall devolve upon the other parent.

Sec. 4. Vested jurisdiction of courts not affected. Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to abrogate any power now vested in any court to award the guardianship of a child to one parent where the father and mother are divorced or living apart, or to remove the custody of a minor from any parent who is unsuitable or unfit to have the guardianship of such minor.

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 64, secs. 44 and 47 and inconsistent acts repealed.

Sections forty-four and forty-seven of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, and all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 79.

An Act to Provide for the Filling of Vacancies in the Office of Constable in Cities.

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

Filling vacancies in office of constable in cities provided for. If in any city a vacancy occurs in the office of constable, either through the failure of a duly elected or appointed constable to qualify by filing his bond within thirty days after his election or appointment, or through the death, resignation or removal of a qualified constable, or through the failure of any ward or precinct to elect its allotted number of constables, the municipal

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officers may fill such vacancy by appointing a constable whose term of office shall expire at the same time as it would if he had been elected at the preceding annual city election.

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 80.

An Act Relating to Closed Time on Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 55; 1917, c. 244; 1919, c. 62; 1921, c. 108; 1925, c. 80; relating to protection of game birds, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by chapter sixty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and by chapter one hundred and eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and by chapter eighty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inclusive" in the fifteenth line of said section the words: 'provided, however, that in the county of Sagadahoc the closed season on greater and lesser yellowlegs shall be from the first day of December of each year to the fifteenth day of August of the following year, both days inclusive,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 55. Closed season on greater and lesser yellowlegs in Sagadahoc county Dec. 1 to Aug. 15. There shall be an annual closed season for ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, spruce partridge, woodcock, all varieties of wild ducks, brant, geese, plover, snipe, sora and other rails, coots and gallinules, as follows: On partridge and woodcock, above-named, from the first day of December of each year to the thirtieth day of September of the following year, both days inclusive; during which closed season it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession at any time any partridge or woodcock except as hereinafter provided. On all varieties of ducks, brant and geese and on coots, gallinules and jacksnipe, or Wilson snipe, from the first day of January of each year to the fifteenth day of the following September, both days inclusive; on black-breasted and golden plover and greater and lesser yellowlegs and rails (except coots and gallinules) from the first day of December of each year to the fifteenth day of September of the following year, both days inclusive; provided, however, that in the county of Sagadahoc the closed season on greater and lesser yellowlegs shall be from the first day of December of each year to the fifteenth day of August