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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.

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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 yellow-legs 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, abovenamed, 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

of the following year, both days inclusive: during which closed seasons it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or have in possession any of the above-named birds except as hereinafter provided; provided, further, that it shall be unlawful to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy or have in possession at any time, any curlew, wood duck, swans, or any shore birds except black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or jacksnipe, woodcock, and greater or lesser yellowlegs; and no person shall, during the respective open seasons for the above-named birds, take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one day more than five partridge or ruffed grouse, six woodcock, ten ducks, five plover and ten snipe; provided, further, that no person shall take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession in any one open season for partridge or ruffed grouse more than twentyfive of said birds; nor shall any person at any time buy or sell any of the above-named birds; nor shall any person or corporation carry or transport from place to place any of the birds mentioned in this section in closed season (except that a person shall have a reasonable time after the beginning of closed season to transport, as hereinafter provided, to his home, game birds legally killed by him in open season), nor in open season unless open to view, tagged and plainly labeled with owner's name and residence, and accompanied by him, unless tagged with a transportation tag as hereinafter provided; nor shall any person or corporation carry or transport in any one day more than ten ducks, five plover, ten snipe, five partridges and six woodcock, as the property of one person. Provided, however, it shall be lawful for a citizen of this state who has purchased a transportation tag therefor of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and paid five dollars for the same, to take with him out of the state five partridges or ten ducks or six woodcock, which he himself has lawfully killed, by attaching said tag to the birds being transported by virtue of this paragraph. Provided, further, that any citizen of this state who has lawfully in his possession, one pair of either of the birds named in this section, may send the same anywhere in this state without accompanying the same, by purchasing of the duly constituted agent therefor a transportation tag, paying therefor the sum of fifty cents, and attaching said tag to the pair of birds. Provided, further, that no person shall under any of the provisions of this paragraph send as aforesaid more than one pair of game birds once in seven days. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not less than ten and not more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense, and in addition thereto five dollars for each bird of the above-named varieties taken, caught, killed, had in possession or transported in violation hereof.'

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