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Chapter 164.

An Act Relating to Pensions for the Blind.

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

R. S., c. 148; relating to state pensions, additional. Chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the revised statutes as amended is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said chapter the following section:

'Sec. 20. Cities and towns may grant aid in addition to state pension for blind; beneficiaries not pauperized. Whenever the benefits granted by the governor and council under this act are insufficient, the cities and towns in which such persons reside may grant additional aid to such persons without creating any pauper disabilities, and the expense of such additional aid shall be borne by the cities and towns in which such persons respectively have a settlement. Cities and towns are hereby authorized to raise money for the purpose of granting such additional aid. Any blind person shall not acquire a settlement or be in process of acquiring a settlement while receiving such aid from his city or town.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 165.

An Act Relating to Fees of Witnesses.

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

R. S., c. 118, sec. 9; P. L., 1919, c. 3; relating to fees of witnesses, amended. Section nine of chapter one hundred eighteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter three of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby further amended by adding in the second line thereof after the word "courts," the words 'and before a trial justice or a municipal court' and by striking out in the eighteenth line thereof after the word "justice" the rest of said section so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Fees of witnesses before trial justices and municipal courts increased to \$2. Witnesses in the supreme judicial court or superior courts or in the probate courts and before a trial justice or a municipal court, shall receive two dollars, and before referees, auditors or commissioners specially appointed to take testimony, or special commissioners on disputed claims appointed by probate courts, one dollar and fifty cents, or before the county commissioners one dollar, for each day's attendance and six cents a mile for each mile's travel going and returning home; but the court in its discretion, may allow at the trial of any cause, civil or criminal,

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in said supreme judicial court or superior courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars per day for the attendance of any expert witness or witnesses at said trial, in taxing the costs of the prevailing party; but such party or his attorney of record, shall first file an affidavit, during the term at which such trial is held, and before the cause is settled, stating the name, residence, number of days in attendance and the actual amount paid or to be paid each expert witness, in attendance at such trial. And no more than two dollars per day shall be allowed or taxed by the clerk of courts, in the costs of any suit, for the per diem attendance of a witness, unless the affidavit herein provided, is filed, and the per diem is determined and allowed by the presiding justice.'

Approved April 15, 1927.

Chapter 166.

An Act Relating to Fees of Insurance Brokers.

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

R. S., c. 118, sec. 17; relating to fees payable to insurance commissioner, amended. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fifteenth and seventeenth lines the words "ten dollars" and substituting in each line the words 'twenty-five dollars,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Fee payable for license as insurance broker, increased. The insurance commissioner shall receive:

For each certificate of qualification of a domestic insurance company to act under its charter, and for each annual renewal thereof, twenty dollars, and all traveling expenses; provided that domestic mutual fire insurance companies shall be required to pay only the actual expenses incurred by the commissioner in making the examination required by law.

For each license issued to a foreign insurance company, or foreign surety company, or credit insurance or title insurance company, or to a foreign fraternal beneficiary association, authorizing such company or association to do business in this state, and for each renewal thereof, twenty dollars.

For each license issued to citizens of this state authorizing them to procure policies of fire insurance in foreign insurance companies not authorized to transact business in this state, twenty dollars, payable annually.

For each license issued to an insurance broker, twenty-five dollars.