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register of deeds for Sagadahoc county, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of said paragraph, and substituting the following words therefor, so that the same, as amended, shall read as follows:

Allowance for Sagadahoc county increased. 'Sagadahoc county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, fifteen hundred and sixty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, ten hundred and forty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, ten hundred and forty dollars.'

Approved April 16, 1927.

Chapter 221.

An Act Relating to Primary Elections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 6, sec. 12; P. L., 1925, c. 62; relating to qualifications of voters at primary elections, amended. Section twelve of said chapter six, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "voters" in the eighth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'of age,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 12.** Persons becoming of age within eight months may enroll at time of election. In all such primary elections the qualifications of voters shall be determined by the voting list used at the municipal or general elections of said towns, cities and plantations, next preceding the primary election and a list of the aforesaid voters enrolled by party designation as provided for in section thirty-eight of this chapter, and no person shall be allowed to vote in any primary election unless the name of said voter appears legally on said voting list and enrolment list, except those who have become of age within eight months preceding said primary election, and a voter enrolling for the first time in that municipality who shall be allowed to enroll and vote.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 6, sec. 13; P. L., 1925, c. 62; relating to conducting primary elections, amended. Section thirteen of said chapter six of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 13.** Wardens in cities to be furnished with voting and enrollment lists by board of registration; voter may be enrolled at polling place; procedure; certificate of enrollment to be returned to board of registration.'

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No person shall vote at any primary election unless a legally qualified and enrolled voter at such voting place, as required by the preceding section. The warden of wards in cities, shall be seasonably furnished by the board of registration with duly certified copies of all voting and enrolment lists arranging each political party separately and its names of voters therein alphabetically. If not therein enrolled, any voter qualified by law and this chapter as a legal voter may, at such voting place, be enrolled after subscribing and making oath before a ballot clerk of wards in cities, or before one of the municipal officers in towns and plantations to the following statement:

"I,, do solemnly swear that I am a qualified voter in this town, or plantation, or ward, and hereby elect to be enrolled as a member of the party. I am a member of that political party and intend to vote for its candidates at the election next ensuing. I have not taken part or voted at any caucus or primary election as a member of any other political party within the six months last past."

The person before whom said declaration is made and sworn to shall endorse thereon whether the person subscribing and swearing to the same voted at said primary election, and within one week thereafter, said person shall return said statement with the endorsement thereon to the board of registration of the city, town or plantation, wherein said meeting is held, and said board shall thereupon enroll said voter in the enrolment list of the party designated by him. Said statement shall be preserved as public record and shall be prima facie evidence in any court that said person took said oath and voted at said election. A suitable number of such statements shall be furnished at each voting place by the city, town or plantation; if the number be insufficient or none be furnished, the statement aforesaid may be sworn to as aforesaid and return thereof made in like manner as if the same had been subscribed. At the polling places in the cities, towns and plantations aforesaid each person applying to vote shall give his name, residence, party affiliation and place of last enrolment, if any; if already enrolled six months before in the precinct, he shall be given the ballot of his party, his name shall be checked on the enrolment list, he shall be admitted to the voting booth and vote. If not enrolled, and then enrolled as hereinbefore provided, if a new voter, or a voter enrolling for the first time, he shall be given the ballot of his party, checked and may vote as aforesaid. No ballot shall be received containing any distinguishing mark or figure other than as herein permitted. Every city, town or plantation board of registration, ward or election officer, or person voting, who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be punished for each offense by fine not exceeding five hun-

dred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 6, sec. 38; P. L., 1925, c. 62; relating to enrolment of voters, amended. Section thirty-eight of said chapter six of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section, and substituting in place thereof the following:

'**Sec. 38.** Certificate of enrolment may be filed in person or by mail; change of enrolment. Any person who is a legal voter may enroll himself as a member of any political party by filing with or delivering to the board of registration of voters of the city, town or plantation of which he is a legal voter, a declaration in writing, signed by him, substantially as follows:

I, being a legal voter of hereby elect to be enrolled as a member of the party. The following statement of name, residence, place of last enrolment, if any, and party of last enrolment, if any, is true.

The foregoing declaration may be filed with the board of registration in person, by mail or otherwise, and when received, it shall be the duty of such board to cause the enrolment to be made. A voter may change his enrolment at any time, but the person making such change of enrolment shall not vote in any political caucus or primary election within six months thereafter.'

Approved April 16, 1927.

Chapter 222.

An Act Establishing Fares on Passenger Boats Plying Between the Westerly End of Peaks Island and the Mainland in Portland.

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

Fares between Peaks Island and Portland, established. That the schedule of fares on all passenger carrying boats plying between the westerly end of Peaks Island and the mainland in Portland shall be fifteen cents for single ride ticket and one dollar for a book of ten ride tickets. This act shall not apply to fares on boats carrying passengers between the hours of seven o'clock in the afternoon and six o'clock in the forenoon.

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