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words 'one thousand dollars,' so that said fifteenth line of said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sagadahoc county increased. 'Sagadahoc, one thousand dollars.'

Approved April 16, 1927.

Chapter 226.

An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds for Sagadahoc County.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 43; as amended; relating to salaries of registers of deeds, further amended. Section forty-three of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out in line nineteen after the word "Sagadahoc" the words "fourteen hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words 'sixteen hundred dollars,' so that said nineteenth line as amended shall read as follows:

Sagadahoc county increased. 'Sagadahoc, sixteen hundred dollars.'

Approved April 16, 1927.

Chapter 227.

An Act Relating to the Removal of Snow from Highways and Town Ways.

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

Sec. 1. State highway commission may, on petition, lay out winter routes to be cleared of snow. The state highway commission, on petition of the municipal officers of two or more towns through which extends a continuous state or state aid highway, may from year to year lay out winter routes upon such state or state aid highways as in their judgment seem advisable for the clearance of snow therefrom for the reasonable use of motor vehicles, sleighs and sleds during such season. The state highway commission may take similar action upon petition of the municipal officers of any town with respect to any other highways or town ways.

Sec. 2. Towns to keep such routes clear of snow. Towns through which extend such routes or in which are located such other highways or town ways described in section one of this act, shall keep said highways and town ways cleared of snow during the winter season so that they may be reasonably usable by motor vehicles, sleighs and sleds. Such

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clearance of snow shall be done to the satisfaction of the state highway commission, whose judgment thereon shall be final.

Sec. 3. Towns authorized to raise money. To carry into effect the foregoing requirements, towns are authorized to raise and appropriate money therefor.

Sec. 4. Towns to be reimbursed to extent of fifty per cent. Towns which clear said highways and town ways to the satisfaction of said commission shall be reimbursed for the cost thereof, including the cost of supervision, to the extent of fifty per cent of said cost, including the cost of supervision, but not exceeding twenty-five dollars per mile of the highways designated as provided in section one of this act.

Sec. 5. Highway commission may discontinue snow removal. The state highway commission may at any time for cause discontinue the clearance of snow in whole or in part from any highway or town way laid out as provided in section one.

Sec. 6. Roads in towns failing to appropriate money therefor may be kept open by state and expense of same be deducted from any monies due town from state. When any town upon any of the winter routes so designated and so supervised by the state highway commission shall, in the judgment of the commission, unreasonably fail to either raise, appropriate or pay its proportional part of the cost of snow removal through or in said town, or shall without cause fail to assist in keeping open any highway or town way as designated in section one in said town, the state highway commission shall cause said highway or town way through or in said town to be kept open at the expense of the state; and the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, may order the treasurer of state to withhold a sufficient amount from any funds due or to become due said town to cover the payment in whole or in part of said proportional expense of said snow removal through or in said town and to apply the sums so withheld to the cost of such snow removal; but no such order shall issue to the treasurer that will in the opinion of the governor and council impose an undue financial burden on any town.

Sec. 7. Funds for purposes of this act to be taken from excise tax on gasoline. To provide for such reimbursement the excise tax levied upon internal combustion engine fuels under the provision of chapter two hundred twelve of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five for the months of December, January, February and March, shall be taken; any unexpended balance from the excise tax so taken for said months shall revert and be used as now provided by law.

Sec. 8. Towns not to be reimbursed for snow removal in built-up sections. The state shall grant no reimbursement to towns for the removal of snow as provided in this act upon highways or town ways where the houses are nearer than two hundred feet apart for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more, except on state aid road locations.

Approved April 16, 1927.

Chapter 228.

An Act Relating to Marketmen's Licenses.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 219, sec. 70; relating to marketmen's licenses to sell deer meat, amended. Section seventy of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sec. 70. Marketmen and provision dealers may be licensed to sell deer and moose meat; fee; record to be kept; to make return to commissioner of inland fisheries and game; penalties. Any marketman or provision dealer having an established place of business in this state, may purchase and have in possession at his said place of business not more than two deer, nor more than one bull moose, lawfully killed or destroyed, or any part thereof, in any one year, and may sell the same at retail to his local customers, and may sell the heads of such deer or bull moose to any licensed taxidermist; provided, however, that said marketman or provision dealer shall annually procure a license of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game to buy and sell deer or bull moose as aforesaid; and provided, further, that said marketman shall record in a book kept for that purpose, and open to the inspection of inland fish and game wardens, deputy inland fish and game wardens and the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, the name and residence of each person of whom he purchases any deer or bull moose, and the date of such purchase; and if any marketman or provision dealer shall violate any provision of this section he shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars and costs for each offense, and be prohibited for five years thereafter from the benefits of this section. All marketmen or provision dealers licensed as aforesaid shall pay to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game a fee of five dollars annually; each marketman or provision dealer licensed as aforesaid shall, on the thirty-first day of each December, make, sign and send to the commissioner, under oath, a statement setting forth in detail the name and residence of each person