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Chapter 129.

An Act Increasing the Amount of the Exemption from Taxation of Household Furniture.

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

R. S., c. 10, sec. 6; relating to personal estate tax exemptions, amended. Paragraph IV of section six of chapter ten of the revised statutes is amended by striking out the words "two hundred dollars" in the first and second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'five hundred dollars' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

IV. Exemption increased to \$500. The household furniture of each person, not exceeding five hundred dollars to any one family, his wearing apparel, farming utensils, mechanics' tools necessary for his business, and musical instruments not exceeding in value fifty dollars to one family.'

Approved March 23, 1929.

Chapter 130.

An Act Relating to Taking of Clams in Trenton.

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

Sec. 1. Unlawful to dig clams for commercial purposes in Trenton. It shall be unlawful for any person not a resident or riparian owner of the town of Trenton, in the county of Hancock, to dig clams for commercial purposes within the limits of said town.

Sec. 2. Residents limited. Any person temporarily residing therein or the riparian owners of any clam flats may take therefrom for the immediate use of himself or his family not exceeding one bushel of clams in one day.

Sec. 3. Penalty for violations. Any person taking clams contrary to the provisions of this act shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both.

Approved March 23, 1929.

Chapter 131

An Act Relating to Bonds to be Given by Officials, Trustees, or Employees of Savings Banks.

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

P. L., 1923, c. 144, sec. 19; relating to election and term of officers of savings banks, amended. Section nineteen of chapter one hundred and

forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby amended by striking out the word "president" in the eighth line, the words "president" and "and" in the fourteenth line, the words "as to form" in the eighteenth line, the words "all such bonds shall, at the expiration of five years, from the date thereof, be deemed insufficient" in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth lines, and the words "in amount or form" in the thirty-eighth line of said section, and inserting after the words "assistant treasurer" in the eighth line of said section the word 'trustees' and inserting after the word "employees" in the ninth line of said section the words 'designated by said trustees or the bank commissioner as,' and inserting after the word "trustees" in the eleventh line of said section the words 'and bank commissioner,' and inserting after the word "official" in the sixteenth line of said section, the word 'trustees,' inserting after the word "employee" in the sixteenth line of said section the words 'handling or,' and by inserting after the word "officials" in the thirty-second line of said section the word 'trustee,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 19. Bonds of treasurer, assistant treasurer and other officials and employees handling or having access to money. The trustees, immediately after their election and qualification, shall elect one of their number president, who shall also be president of the corporation. They shall also elect a treasurer, and when deemed necessary, a vice president and an assistant treasurer, to hold their offices during the pleasure of the trustees. The treasurer, and in his absence, the assistant treasurer, if there is one, shall be ex-officio clerk of the corporation, and of the trustees. The treasurer, assistant treasurer, trustees and all other officials and employees designated by said trustees or the bank commissioner as handling or having access to moneys or securities shall give bonds to the corporation, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their office, in such sums as the trustees and bank commissioner decide to be necessary for the safety of the assets, and such bonds shall continue and be valid from year to year, so long as they act in such capacities, subject to renewal whenever ordered by the trustees or commissioner. Each treasurer shall be bonded for a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars; each assistant treasurer, or other official, trustee or employee handling or having access to moneys or securities for not less than five thousand dollars. All bonds shall be approved by the bank commissioner and copies furnished the banking department by the clerks of the several banks. Said bonds shall be recorded upon the books of the institutions, and the commissioner shall annually examine the same and inquire into and certify to the sufficiency thereof, and when he deems any such bond insufficient, he shall order a new bond to be given within a time by him specified. All such bonds hereinafter given under the pro-

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visions of this section shall be executed by the principal and one or more surety companies authorized to transact business in this state, and bonds with personal sureties shall no longer be regarded as complying with the provisions hereof. The trustees may, in lieu of such bonds, insure at the expense of the bank with some surety company which shall be satisfactory to the bank commissioner for the faithful performance of the duties of such officials, trustees and employees as are required by this section to be bonded, in such sums as they shall decide to be necessary for the safety of the assets in the custody of the corporation, but in no event less than twenty-five thousand dollars; subject, however, to the same right of the bank commissioner, as above provided, to require a new bond if at any time he shall deem the one provided by the corporation to be insufficient and unsatisfactory. The treasurer, assistant treasurer and clerks shall receive a compensation fixed by the trustees. The trustees may receive such compensation for their services in making examinations and returns required by their by-laws and the state laws, for making examinations of property and for attendance at any regular or special meetings of the board of trustees or any committee thereof as may be fixed by the corporation at any legal meeting thereof, or as may be fixed by the board of trustees and approved by the bank commissioner in writing.'

Approved March 23, 1929.

Chapter 132.

An Act Relative to Canning of Short Lobsters.

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

R. S., c. 45, sec. 38; relating to length of lobsters that may be canned, amended. Section thirty-eight of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "four and three quarters" in the first and second lines of said section and by inserting in place thereof the words 'three and one half' and by inserting after the words "thirty-five" in the third line of said section the words 'as amended' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 38. Lobsters under three and one-half inches in length unlawful; penalty for violation. No person shall can lobsters less than three and one half inches in length, alive or dead, measured in accordance with section thirty-five as amended; and for every lobster canned contrary to the provisions of this section, every person, firm, association or corporation so canning shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for every lobster so canned, and a further penalty of three hundred dollars for every day on which such unlawful canning is carried on.'

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