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amended. That section one hundred and seventy-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes be and hereby is amended by adding at the close of the section the following: 'Provided further that in case of total disability on the part of the teacher, who has reached the age of fifty, and such teacher has no other means of support, the state commissioner of education is hereby authorized after due investigation to issue to such teacher a pension, the amount of which shall be determined by the length of service as set forth in this act, said teacher having complied with the conditions of the law relative to length of experience and to service within the state'; so that the section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 175. Pension authorized in case of total disability at age of 50. The state superintendent of public schools shall formulate rules and regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of the six preceding sections. Provided further that in case of total disability on the part of the teacher, who has reached the age of fifty, and such teacher has no other means of support, the state commissioner of education is hereby authorized after due investigation to issue to such teacher a pension, the amount of which shall be determined by the length of service as set forth in this act, said teacher having complied with the conditions of the law relative to length of experience and to service within the state.'

Approved March 26, 1929.

Chapter 144.

An Act Relating to Procedure Before Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 55, sec. 44; relating to notice of complaint to public utility, amended. Section forty-four of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line thereof the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'seven,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 44. Seven days' notice to be given before hearing. The commission immediately upon the filing of such complaint shall notify in writing the public utility complained of that a complaint has been made, and of the nature thereof; and if at the expiration of seven days therefrom such public utility shall not have removed the cause of complaint to the satisfaction of the commission, said commission shall proceed to set a time and place for a hearing as hereinafter provided.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 55, sec. 45; relating to notice to public utility of public hearing, amended. Section forty-five of chapter fifty-five of the revised

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statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'seven,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 45. Time of notice reduced to seven days. The commission shall give the public utility and the complainants at least seven days' notice of the time and place when and where such formal public hearing will be held. Both the public utility and the complainants shall be entitled to be heard and have process to enforce the attendance of witnesses as in civil actions in the supreme judicial court.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 55, sec. 48; relating to commission may investigate on its own motion, amended. Section forty-eight of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the ninth line thereof the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'seven,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 48. Time of notice reduced to seven days. Whenever the commission believes that any rate or charge is unjust or unreasonable or that any service is inadequate or cannot be obtained or that an investigation of any matter relating to any public utility should for any reason be made, it may on its own motion, summarily investigate the same with or without notice. If after making such summary investigation the commission becomes satisfied that sufficient grounds exist to warrant a formal public hearing being ordered as to matters so investigated, it shall furnish such public utility interested a written statement giving notice of the matter under investigation. Seven days after such notice has been given the commission may proceed to set a time and place for a formal public hearing as hereinbefore provided.'

Approved March 26, 1929.

Chapter 145.

An Act Providing for Committee of Visitors to Pownal State School.

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

R. S., c. 145, sec. 35; relating to committee of visitors; their powers and duties, amended. Section thirty-five of chapter one hundred and forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "hospitals" in the third line thereof the words 'and the Pownal state school,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 35. Pownal state school added to hospitals for visitations. A committee of the council consisting of two, with whom shall be associated one woman, shall be appointed by the governor annually, who shall visit