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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.

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## 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

both hospitals, and the Pownal state school at their discretion, to ascertain if the inmates thereof are humanely treated, and they shall promptly report every instance of abuse or ill treatment, to the trustees and superintendent of the hospital, who shall take notice thereof, and cause the offender to be punished as required by section eleven.'

Approved March 26, 1929.

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## Chapter 146.

An Act Relating to Certain Reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

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

R. S., c. 49, sec. 15; relating to reports of deaths; accidents and injuries to be made to commissioner of labor, amended. Section fifteen of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen is hereby amended by adding to the end of said section the following: 'The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons, firms or corporations obliged by law to report such deaths, accidents and injuries to the Maine industrial accident commission,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 15. Provisions shall not apply to those obliged by law to make such reports.** The person in charge of any factory, workshop or other industrial establishment shall within ten days after the occurrence, report in writing to the commissioner of labor and industry all deaths, accidents, or serious physical injuries sustained by any person therein or on the premises, stating as fully as possible the cause of the death or the extent and cause of the injury, and the place where the injured person has been sent, with such other or further information relative thereto as may be required by said commissioner, who may investigate the causes thereof and require such precautions to be taken as will prevent the recurrence of similar happenings. No statement contained in any such report shall be admissible in evidence in any action arising out of the death or accident therein reported. The term "serious physical injuries," as used in this section, shall be construed to mean every accident which results in the death of the employee or causes his absence from work for at least six days thereafter. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons, firms or corporations obliged by law to report such deaths, accidents and injuries to the Maine industrial accident commission.'

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