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Chapter 150.

An Act Relating to the Qualification of Public Officers.

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

Public officer failing to qualify in 30 days forfeits appointment. All public officers appointed by the governor and council shall, within thirty days after being commissioned, qualify to perform the duties of their office and shall file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate of such qualification. Any such officer who fails to qualify and file a certificate of qualification in the office of the secretary of state within thirty days, as above provided, shall be deemed to have forfeited his appointment and the office may be declared vacant by the governor and council and a new appointment made.

Approved March 28, 1929.

Chapter 151.

An Act Relating to Taking of Land of Railroad Corporations for Streets or Ways.

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

R. S., c. 24, sec. 29; relating to taking lands from a railroad for any way without notice, amended. Section twenty-nine of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 29. Notice must be served giving time and place of hearing. No private way, town way, city street or highway, taking land of any railroad corporation, shall be located, unless a notice of the time and place of the hearing upon said location has been served upon the president, any vice president, any director, the treasurer or any assistant treasurer, the general manager or the clerk of said corporation at least seven days before the time for such hearing. In case such corporation has no such officer within the state, service shall be made upon its duly authorized agent or attorney within the state. Service in like manner shall also be made upon any corporation which operates a railroad of another corporation under lease or other agreement.'

Approved March 28, 1929.

Chapter 152.

An Act Relating to the Funds of the Maine Forestry District.

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

R. S., c. 8, sec. 66; relating to use of funds received from taxes on organized plantations, amended. Section sixty-six of chapter eight of the

revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "purpose" in the fourth line thereof the following: 'except that upon receipt of information from the forest commissioner that there is in said fund a certain sum in excess of the amount necessary for the protection of the forests in said district from fire, the governor and council may issue their warrant to the treasurer of state to refund proportionately to the land owners paying the tax assessed as aforesaid, such sum or sums as shall be recommended by the forest commissioner,' so that said section as amended shall read a follows:

'Sec. 66. Provision made for tax refund to land owners. The tax assessed by authority of section sixty-one shall be held by the treasurer of state as a fund to be used to protect from fire the forests situated upon and within the district, and to pay expenses incidental thereto and for no other purpose, except that upon receipt of information from the forest commissioner that there is in said fund a certain sum in excess of the amount necessary for the protection of the forests in said district from fire, the governor and council may issue their warrant to the treasurer of state to refund proportionately to the land owners paying the tax assessed as aforesaid, such sum or sums as shall be recommended by the forest commissioner. The governor and council shall from time to time, as the forest commissioner may request, issue their warrant to the treasurer of state to pay to said commissioner such sums of money as said commissioner may deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid. If the tax assessed by authority of section sixty-one has not been collected or for any reason is not available for the purpose aforesaid or if said tax proves insufficient in any year to properly carry out said purpose, the governor and council may issue their warrant to the treasurer of state, authorizing him to advance and pay to the forest commissioner, from any moneys then in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary for such purpose. The accounts of the commissioner of the disbursement of all funds shall be examined by the state auditor for the purpose of determining if said accounts are correctly kept and all payments properly vouched for. The forest commissioner may employ from time to time such clerks in his office as will enable him to pay promptly all bills contracted in carrying out the provisions hereof and the compensation of such clerks shall be paid from the funds provided for the district.'

Approved March 28, 1929.