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Chapter 275.

An Act Relating to the Department of Public Welfare.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 147, sec. 1; P. L., 1925, c. 14; P. L., 1927, c. 48; relating to board of charities and corrections changed to department of public welfare, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter fourteen, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and chapter forty-eight, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby further amended by inserting the words, 'and council,' after the word, "governor," in the thirteenth line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Elections and appointments subject to approval and removal by governor and council. The commissioners of the department of public welfare shall consist of five persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for terms of five years upon the expiration of the terms of the present members. Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled in like manner for the remainder of the unexpired term. They are designated in this chapter as the "commission" or the "department." The commission shall be non-partisan politically. Regular meetings of the commission shall be held quarterly, or oftener, if required, and a suitable room shall be provided in the state house for its use. The commission shall elect from their number a president, who shall hold office for such term as shall be fixed by the commission, shall appoint a secretary and agents, all subject to approval and removal by the governor and council, and make such rules and orders for the regulation of its proceedings as it may deem necessary. All rules and regulations governing the administration of state institutions must be approved by the commission and no superintendent, agent, or other under-official shall have any discretionary power to change such rules and regulations.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 147, sec. 2; P. L., 1917, c. 80; relating to appointment and qualification of secretary, expenses, etc., further amended. Section two of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter eighty, of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out the words, "not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars," in the ninth line, and by striking out the words "agreed upon by the commission with the approval of the governor and council" in the sixth and seventh lines, and by inserting in place thereof the following words, 'determined by law,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

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'Sec. 2. Salary of secretary, in addition to expenses. The department shall appoint a secretary, not of their own number, who shall have been a resident of the state for at least five years, and shall be qualified by special knowledge and experience in charitable, correctional and institutional work; he shall receive for his services, in addition to his traveling and other necessary expenses, such salary as may be agreed upon by the department, with the approval of the governor and council. The accounts of such secretary for his traveling and other necessary expenses shall be approved by the department, audited by the state auditor and, together with the salary of such secretary, shall be paid out of the state treasury upon certificate of the state auditor.'

Approved April 9, 1929.

Chapter 276.

An Act Relative to Jurisdiction of Prison Commissioners in Matter of Paroles.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 195, sec. 8; relating to transfer of authority to board of prison commissioners, amended. Section eight of chapter one hundred and ninety-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding at the end of the last sentence of said section the words 'to prisoners under sentence to the state prison' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Given jurisdiction in granting paroles to prisoners under sentence to state prison. The advisory board in the matter of paroles and the board of prison and jail inspectors are hereby abolished and all of the powers and authority conferred by law upon said boards are hereby transferred to the board of prison commissioners and all existing provisions of law applicable to either of said boards shall hereafter apply to said board of prison commissioners. The commissioners shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases in granting paroles to prisoners under sentence to the state prison.'

Approved April 9, 1929.

Chapter 277.

An Act Relating to Optometry.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 18, sec. 41; relating to board of registry in optometry, amended. Section forty-one of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "opticians" in the fourth line