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Chapter 311.

Included in Public Laws through error. See P. & S. L., c. 131.

Chapter 312.

An Act to Permit Cities and Towns to Lay Out Bridle Paths and Bridle Trails.

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

Sec. 1. Bridle paths may be laid out under same provisions as town ways. Bridle paths and trails may be laid out, altered or discontinued by any town or city within such town or city on petition therefor in the same manner as is provided by law for the laying out, altering or discontinuing of town ways in a town, or city streets in a city, except that no cultivated or improved land shall be taken without the consent of the owner, and a two-thirds vote shall be required for the acceptance of such paths and trails by any town. All provisions now in force as to assessment of damages and appeal therefrom in cases of laying out, altering and discontinuing town ways in towns or city streets shall apply to laying out, altering and discontinuing bridle paths and trails except that the petitioners shall have no right of appeal.

Sec. 2. City or town may establish regulations. Bridle paths and trails, when so laid out and accepted, shall be subject to such regulations as to use as may be established by the city or town laying them out.

Sec. 3. Not under obligation to keep paths in repair; bridges. Cities and towns maintaining such bridle paths and trails shall not be under any obligation to keep them in repair, or to break them out in winter; providing that if any city or town shall erect a bridge on such bridle path or trail, it shall be under the same obligation to keep such bridge in a safe condition for the use of horses and riders, as it is now under to keep highway bridges in repair for the purposes for which they are used. But such city or town shall erect at the entrance of such bridle paths and trails suitable signs, signifying that they are bridle paths or trails, only, and not for use of vehicles, and that persons may use them at their own risk.

Approved April 13, 1929.

Chapter 313.

An Act Abolishing the Office of Coroner.

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

Sec. 1. Office of coroner abolished. The office of coroner is hereby abolished.

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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 85, sec. 52; relating to appointment and bond of coroners, repealed. Section fifty-two of chapter eighty-five of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 85, sec. 53; relating to sections applying to coroners, amended. Section fifty-three of chapter eighty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 53. Writs and precepts may be served by sheriff of adjoining county. All writs and precepts in which the sheriff of any county is a party, including those in which a town, plantation, parish, religious society, or school district, of which he is at the time a member, is a party or interested, may, unless served or executed by a constable, be served or executed by the sheriff of any county adjoining that of which he is sheriff.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 85, sec. 54; relating to coroner's powers to serve precepts, amended. Section fifty-four of chapter eighty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 54. County attorney may perform duties of sheriff when office is vacant. While the office of sheriff in any county is vacant, all of the duties pertaining to such office shall be assumed and performed by the county attorney of the same county who, in such cases, is vested with the same power and authority which the sheriff would have.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 11, sec. 49; relating to warrants to be served by coroner, amended. Section forty-nine of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "a coroner" and inserting in place thereof the words 'the county attorney' and by striking out in the fourth line thereof the word "coroner" and inserting in place thereof the words 'county attorney' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 49. County attorney shall execute warrants. When a sheriff or deputy is deficient as aforesaid, such treasurers may direct warrants to the county attorney of the county, requiring him to distrain therefor upon the delinquent's real or personal estate; and the county attorney shall execute such warrants as a sheriff does on deficient constables and collectors.'

Approved April 13, 1929.