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## CHAP. 330

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts, and parts of acts, inconsistent herewith, whether passed at this or at any previous session of the legislature, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 13, 1929.

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## Chapter 330.

An Act Relative to Acknowledgment and Record of Deeds and Other Instruments.

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

R. S., c. 78, sec. 23; P. L., 1921, c. 40; P. L., 1925, c. 176; P. L., 1927, c. 100 and c. 190; relating to acknowledgments of deeds and other written instruments, further amended. Section twenty-three of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter forty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, as amended by chapters one hundred and one hundred and ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "or woman otherwise eligible under the constitution and appointed for the purpose by the governor with the advice and consent of the council" in the eighth, ninth, and tenth lines of said section, as amended, and by striking out the last paragraph of said section, as amended by said chapter one hundred, and by striking out the last paragraph of said section, as amended by said chapter one hundred and ninety, and by inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

'This section shall not be construed as invalidating any instrument duly executed in accordance with the statutes heretofore in effect, or made valid by any such statute. All such instruments may be admitted to record which at the time of their execution or subsequent validation could be so recorded,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 23. Section not to invalidate instrument executed in accordance with statutes heretofore in effect. Deeds and all other written instruments before recording in the registries of deeds, except those issued by a court of competent jurisdiction and duly attested by the proper officer thereof, and excepting plans and notices of foreclosure of mortgages, shall be acknowledged by the grantors, or by the persons executing any such written instruments, or by one of them, or by their attorney executing the same, or by the lessor in a lease or one of the lessors or his attorney executing the same, before a justice of the peace, or notary public having a seal, in the state; or before any clerk of a court of record having a seal, notary public, justice of the peace, or commissioner appointed by the governor of this state for the purpose or a commissioner authorized in the

state where the acknowledgment is taken, within the United States; or before a minister or consul of the United States or notary public in any foreign country. The seal of such court or the official seal of such notary or commissioner if he have one, shall be affixed to the certificate of acknowledgment, but if such acknowledgment is taken outside the state of Maine before a justice of the peace, notary public not having a seal, or commissioner, a certificate under seal from the secretary of state, or clerk of a court of record in the county where the officer resides or took the acknowledgment, authenticating the authority of the officer taking such acknowledgment, and the genuineness of his signature, must be annexed thereto.

Any justice of the peace who is a stockholder, director, officer or employee of a bank or other corporation, may take the acknowledgment of any party to any written instrument executed to or by such corporation; provided that such justice of the peace is not a party to such instrument either individually or as a representative of such bank or other corporation.

This section shall not be construed as invalidating any instrument duly executed in accordance with the statutes heretofore in effect, or made valid by any such statute. All such instruments may be admitted to record which at the time of their execution or subsequent validation could be so recorded.

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## Chapter 331.

An Act Relative to Fishing and Hunting.

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

**Sec. 1. Commissioner and deputy; how appointed.** A commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and a deputy recommended in writing by him, shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, the commissioner to hold office for three years, and the deputy during the pleasure of the commissioner recommending him; and each shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified. The commissioner shall make a report to the governor on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year, for the year ending December thirty-first prior thereto.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The commissioner shall have general supervision of the administration and enforcement of the inland fish and game laws. Under his direction his deputy shall assist him in the performance of his duties, particularly in field work and including the inspection of hatcheries and similar property, and in supervision of wardens and inspection of warden service. The commissioner shall have an office at the state capitol