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recorded, all the ballots and sworn statements of said officials shall in open meeting be sealed in a package, which said package with the check-lists sealed in the same manner as the ballots shall forthwith be returned to the city, town, or plantation. In case two or more kinds of official ballots are used at any election each kind shall be sealed in a separate package. All ballots and check-lists, and sworn statements of said officials, shall be so sealed that the packages and check-lists cannot be opened or examined without first breaking the seal; and the sealed packages of ballots cast at any state election or at any election of electors of president and vice-president of the United States shall have an indorsement of substantially the following tenor indorsed thereon or securely affixed thereon: "This package contains the ballots cast at an election for _____ held in the _____ of _____ (or in ward _____ of the city of) _____ on the _____ day of _____ 19 _____; said ballots were sorted, counted, the result declared and recorded, and this package sealed in open meeting in accordance with section eighteen of chapter eight of the revised statutes." Such indorsement shall be signed by the town, plantation, or ward clerk and by a majority of the selectmen of towns and the assessors of plantations, or by the wardens in cities or voting precincts. The ballots and check-lists and sworn statements of said officials returned to the city clerk after any city election and all other ballots returned to him, which he is not required to forward to the secretary of state according to the provisions of section forty-seven, shall be preserved by him as a public record for six months.'

Approved March 16, 1931.

Chapter 35.

AN ACT Relating to Removal of Patients from State Hospitals when Requested; Towns May Become Liable for Support on Failure to Remove.

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

Sec. 1. Removal of patient; liability of town for costs. When the municipal officers of any city or town are requested in writing by the superintendent of a state hospital to remove any patient committed to said state hospital from said city or town, when in the opinion of said superintendent such patient does not require further state hospital care or treatment, or when such patient has been discharged by the trustees, it shall be the duty of said municipal officers to remove such patient within fifteen days after receiving such notice. After the expiration of said fifteen days, said city or town shall be liable for the full support of said patient so long as he remains in said hospital.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 155, secs. 31 and 32; repealed. Sections thirty-one and thirty-two of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes are hereby repealed, and section one of this act is hereby numbered section thirty-one of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes.

Approved March 16, 1931.

Chapter 36.

AN ACT Relating to the Exemptions of Estates from Taxation.

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

R. S., c. 13, sec. 6, paragraph 9; relating to polls and estates of soldiers, sailors and marines and others, amended. That paragraph nine of section six of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "residence of this state" in the sixteenth and seventeenth lines thereof, and by inserting in line nineteen after the words "said sections" the words 'and in case any person entitled to such exemption has property taxable in more than one city or town of the state, such proportion of such total exemption shall be made in each city or town, as the value of the property taxable in such city or town bears to the value of the whole of the property of such person taxable in the state; provided, however, that no exemption shall be allowed hereunder in favor of any person who is not a legal resident of the state of Maine;' and by striking out the words "provided, however," in the nineteenth line thereof, and substituting in place thereof, the words 'and provided, further,' so that said paragraph of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'IX. When property taxable is in more than one city or town the proportion of total exemption to be made accordingly; no exemption shall be allowed any person not a legal resident of the state. The polls and the estates of persons who by reason of age, infirmity or poverty, are in the judgment of the assessors unable to contribute toward the public charges; the polls of all soldiers and sailors who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of eighteen hundred sixty-one and five, and were honorably discharged from such service; the polls of all soldiers, sailors and marines who receive state pension; the polls of all soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war with Spain; the polls of all disabled veterans of the world war, namely, soldiers, sailors and marines who are receiving compensation or vocational training from the United States government on account of disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the world war; and the estates to the value of five thousand dollars of all soldiers, sailors and marines, or the widows of soldiers, sailors or marines