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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**Sec. 3. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, and costs for each offense and three dollars additional for each muskrat or part thereof hunted, killed, trapped, pursued, caught, or had in possession in violation hereof.

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## Chapter 74.

### AN ACT to Regulate the Hunting of Wild Birds in Rangeley Lake.

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

**Sec. 1. Rangeley Lake sanctuary established.** A game sanctuary shall be established in Rangeley Lake bounded as follows: beginning at Gilman's point on the northerly shore of Rangeley Lake; thence southerly across said lake to the southwesterly corner of land of the Rangeley Lake Hotel Corporation; thence northerly, westerly and southerly around the shore of said Rangeley Lake back to the original starting point.

Within this sanctuary it shall be unlawful at any time to shoot, shoot at, molest or pursue game or game birds of any description, providing, however, that boats may pass through without incurring any penalty.

**Sec. 2. Possession made unlawful.** It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild bird taken in violation of any provision of this act.

**Sec. 3. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than three hundred dollars and costs for each offense or by imprisonment for sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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## Chapter 75.

### AN ACT Relating to Primary Nominations.

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

**R. S., c. 7, sec. 16, amended, in re number of votes necessary to nominate in primary elections.** Section sixteen of chapter seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the seventeenth line of said section after the word "provided", the following words: "that he or

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she shall have received at least as many votes as would be required to place his or her name on the primary election ballot by petition, and provided further'; and after the word "having" in the nineteenth line 'at least as many votes as would be required to place his or her name on the primary election ballot by petition and having', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 16. Governor and council to tabulate votes returned; corrections may be made; method of determining nominations; intention of voters to be considered.** The governor and council, by the first Tuesday of July in each year in which a primary election is held hereunder, shall open and compare the votes so returned hereunder, and have the same tabulated, and forthwith thereafter have forwarded to each candidate a copy of said tabulations of his precinct or district, and may receive testimony on oath to prove that the return from any city, town, or plantation does not agree with the record of the vote of such city, town, or plantation in the number of votes or the names of the persons voted for, and to prove which of them is correct; and the return, when found to be erroneous, may be corrected by the record. No such correction can be made without application within fourteen days after the returns are opened and tabulated, stating the error alleged, nor without reasonable notice thereof given to the person affected by such correction, and during said fourteen days any person voted for may personally, and by or with counsel, examine said returns in the presence of the governor and council, or either of them, or any member of the council, or the secretary of state. The person having the highest number of votes for nomination to any office shall be deemed to have been nominated by his political party for that office, provided that he or she shall have received at least as many votes as would be required to place his or her name on the primary election ballot by petition, and provided further that when a tie shall exist between two or more persons for the same nomination by reason of said two or more persons having at least as many votes as would be required to place his or her name on the primary election ballot by petition, and having an equal and the highest number of votes for nomination by one party to one and the same office, the secretary of state shall give notice to the several persons having the highest and equal number of votes to attend at the office of the secretary of state at a time to be appointed by said secretary, who shall then and there proceed publicly to decide by lot which of the persons so having an equal number of votes shall be declared nominated by his party with like effect as if there had been no such tie. To ascertain what persons have received the highest number of votes, the governor and council shall count and declare for any person all votes appearing by said returns to have

been intentionally cast for him, although his name upon the return is misspelled or written with only the initial or initials of his christian name or names, or with wrong initials or otherwise as the case may be; and they may hear testimony upon oath, in relation to such returns, in order to get at the intention of the voters and shall decide accordingly. When a return is defective by reason of any informality, an attested copy of the record may be substituted therefor.

The secretary of state shall enter in a register of nominations, to be kept by him for the purpose, the nominations for each party so ascertained, and shall forthwith notify by registered mail each person who is so nominated.'

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## Chapter 76.

### AN ACT Relative to the Taxation of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 12, sec. 97; relating to apportionment of motor vehicle taxes, amended. Section ninety-seven of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'In case the manner of apportionment between any public municipal corporations has not been otherwise determined, it shall be made by the assessors of such city or town for any year and the assessors of the other public municipal corporation concerned in such apportionment for that year,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 97. When manner of apportionment not otherwise determined it shall be made by the assessors. Each designated city official and treasurer of each town shall keep an account of the money received by him for said excise taxes, and deposit the same in the city or town treasury monthly. Failure so to deposit shall be cause for immediate removal from office. All moneys collected in accordance with the provisions of sections ninety to ninety-nine inclusive shall be apportioned between such town, city and any village corporation, sewer district, fire district or other public municipal corporation, in the same manner as the moneys now collected for taxes assessed on property located within such town or city. In case the manner of apportionment between any public municipal corporations has not been otherwise determined, it shall be made by the assessors of such city or town for any year and the assessors of the other public municipal corporation concerned in such apportionment for that year.'

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