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provide and furnish for each voting place or precinct at which an election is to be held, not less than seventy-five of each party primary nominating ballots for every fifty votes and fraction of fifty votes cast by that party in said voting place or precinct at the next preceding election, city, county, state, or national, corresponding to and in congruity with the election for which said primary election is to be held and for which said ballots are provided. All ballots, printed notices, sample ballots, and cards of instruction shall be forwarded by the secretary of state to the respective city, town, and plantation clerks, a record thereof made and receipts therefor returned, as provided in section eight of chapter eight; if the city, town, or plantation clerk deems that more than the above number of ballots may be required by any party on account of an increased enrolment, he shall so certify, on or before the date for filing primary nomination papers, to the secretary of state, who shall add the number so asked for to the number of primary nominating ballots sent to that city, town, or plantation. The expense of the calling and holding of the primary elections and the making and forwarding of the returns thereof shall be paid for by the municipalities. All other expenses hereunder shall be borne by the state.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

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## Chapter 111.

### AN ACT Forbidding Sirens on Motor Vehicles with Certain Exceptions.

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

R. S., c. 29, sec. 80; relating to sirens on motor vehicles, amended. Section eighty of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth and fifth lines thereof the words "in the thickly settled part of a city or town," and by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines thereof, the words "except in the case of fire and police department vehicles and ambulances," and by inserting after the word "noise" in the sixth line thereof, the following: 'and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicles except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 80. Adequate brakes; signalling device; unnecessary noise to be avoided. Every motor vehicle shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use, and a suitable and adequate horn or other device

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for signalling. No signalling device shall be unnecessarily sounded so as to make a harsh, objectionable, or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicles except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls. All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler of such construction and device as to prevent excessive noise. No person operating a motor vehicle shall at any time open the muffler cut-out, or permit the exhaust to make any unnecessary noise.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

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## Chapter 112.

### AN ACT Relating to Inspectors of Buildings.

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

R. S., c. 35, sec. 25; relating to inspectors of buildings, amended. Section twenty-five of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the words "annual town meeting" in the third line the following words 'and in each village corporation if such corporation shall so vote at the annual meeting thereof,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 25. **Inspector of buildings; election; qualification; compensation; jurisdiction; deputy.** In every town and city of more than two thousand inhabitants, and in every town of two thousand inhabitants or less, if such a town shall so vote at an annual town meeting, and in each village corporation if such corporation shall so vote at the annual meeting thereof, the municipal officers shall annually in the month of April elect an inspector of buildings, who shall be a man skilled in the construction of buildings, and shall determine his compensation. The municipal officers shall define the limits within which the inspector of buildings shall have jurisdiction, which shall include the thickly settled portion of each such city, or of each village in each such city or town. Whenever the inspector of buildings shall become incapacitated, the municipal officers may appoint or authorize the inspector of buildings to appoint a deputy inspector of buildings who shall serve until removed by the municipal officers, but in no event beyond the term for which the inspector of buildings was appointed. Such deputy inspector shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the inspector. His compensation shall be determined by the municipal officers.'

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