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from the sale of such lobsters, and a statement of their estimated expenditures incurred during such period in their business, on blanks to be furnished by the said director.

**Sec. 2. Repealing clause.** All acts, rules and regulations inconsistent with the preceding section are hereby repealed.

Approved April 2, 1931.

## Chapter 179.

### AN ACT Relating to Clerk Hire in County Offices.

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

**R. S., c. 125, sec. 46; relating to clerk hire in county offices, amended.** Section forty-six of chapter one hundred twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line of the twelfth paragraph of said section, relating to Piscataquis county, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word 'four', so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

**Piscataquis increased.** 'Piscataquis county: for clerks in the office of the register of deeds, eight hundred eighty-four dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, four hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, eight hundred eighty-four dollars.'

Approved April 2, 1931.

## Chapter 180.

### AN ACT Providing That the Governor May Suspend Open Season for Hunting and Fishing in Time of Drought.

**Emergency Preamble.** Whereas, the law authorizing the governor to suspend the fishing and the hunting season by reason of drought, does not accomplish the intent of its purpose and places a hardship on some localities and camp owners, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 11, sec. 38; relating to suspension of open season, amended.** Section thirty-eight of chapter eleven of the revised statutes

is hereby amended by striking out the same and substituting therefor the following:

**'Sec. 38. Governor may suspend open season for hunting and fishing.** Whenever, during periods of drought, it shall appear to the governor that hunting or fishing is likely to be a menace to the forests of the state, he may by proclamation suspend the open season for hunting or fishing for such time and in such sections of the state as he may in such proclamation designate, and prohibit smoking and building fires out of doors in the woods for the same time and sections; provided, however, that such suspension of open time shall not prohibit fishing from boats or canoes on ponds, lakes, rivers or thoroughfares.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 11, sec. 39; relating to penalty provided for catching fish at such time, amended.** Section thirty-nine of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "law" in the eighth line the words 'or who smokes or builds fires out of doors in the woods', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 39. Smoking or building fires out of doors prohibited.** During the time which shall by such proclamation be made a close season, all provisions of law covering and relating to the close season shall be in force, and a person violating a provision of the same shall be subject to the penalty therein prescribed. Whoever, during the close season fixed by proclamation of the governor, as provided in the preceding section, enters upon the wild lands carrying or having in his possession any firearms; or who catches any fish contrary to this act or shoots any wild animal or bird for which there is no close season otherwise provided by law; or who smokes or builds fires out of doors in the woods, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 2, 1931.