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except that the names of the persons whose names are to be presented to such conventions as candidates shall be first listed under each office.

Any candidate, person, firm, association, committee, organization, or corporation which shall expend any money or incur any liability in excess of five dollars, without reporting it as above provided or who subsequent to the filing of said last report, either of primary election or political convention expenses, shall expend for any purpose aforesaid more than the amount or amounts set forth in such final pre-election reports, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 10, sec. 4, repealed. Section four of chapter ten of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

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## Chapter 264.

### AN ACT to Protect Cod and Other Ground Fish in Waters off Coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

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

Sec. 1. Fishing for cod and other ground fish in Sheepscot Bay regulated. It shall be unlawful to fish for or to take, except with trawls or ordinary hooks and lines, any cod or other ground fish from the waters of Sheepscot Bay that border on the town of Georgetown, in the county of Sagadahoc, and the town of Southport, in the county of Lincoln, northerly of a line running from Griffith's Head to the Cuckolds.

Sec. 2. Fishing with beam trawls regulated. It shall be unlawful to fish for or to take with beam trawls any fish from the waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state northerly of a line drawn from the north end of Seguin Island to outer Pumpkin Island Ledge, and thence running to the north end of Fishermen's Island.

Sec. 3. Penalty. Any person who fishes for or takes fish contrary to the provisions of this act shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than three months, nor more than twelve months, and shall further forfeit the sum of five dollars for each fish so taken.

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1905, c. 62; repealed. Chapter sixty-two of the

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private and special laws of nineteen hundred five, and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

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## Chapter 265.

### AN ACT Authorizing Towns to License Public Dance Halls.

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

R. S., c. 5, sec. 136; relating to by-laws of towns, cities and villages, amended. Section one hundred thirty-six of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after subdivision XIII the following to be designated as subdivision XV.

**Licensing of dance halls.** XV. Municipal officers of towns and village corporations are authorized to make reasonable regulations for the licensing and conducting of dance halls, and to provide suitable penalties for violations thereof.

Approved April 3, 1931.

## Chapter 266.

### AN ACT Relating to the Abolishment or Alteration of Grade Crossings.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 27, sec. 39; relating to grade crossings, amended. Section thirty-nine of chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes hereby is amended by striking out said section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

**'Sec. 39. Abolishment, alteration, change or removal of grade crossings.** Any railroad company, the state highway commission, or the municipal officers of a city or town in which a public way crosses or is crossed by a railroad, whether such crossing be at grade or otherwise, may file a petition in writing with the public utilities commission alleging that safety either to the traveling public or in the operation of the railroad requires the abolishment of or an alteration in such crossings, or its approaches; or a change in the method of crossing a public way; or the closing of a crossing and the substitution of another therefor; or the removal of obstructions to the sight at such crossing, and praying that the same may be ordered; whereupon said commission shall appoint a time and place for a hearing thereon after notice of not less than ten days to the petitioners, the state highway commission, the railroad corporation, the municipality