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Chapter 272.

AN ACT Providing for the Completion of the Vital Record of the State.

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

R. S., c. 72, sec. 39; relating to inscriptions on gravestones, amended. Clerical expenses provided for. Section thirty-nine of chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following paragraph: 'The treasurer of state shall make available for the registrar of vital statistics on the first day of July annually the sum of five hundred dollars to pay for the clerical and incidental expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of sections thirty-seven to thirty-nine, inclusive', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 39. Treasurer of state shall make available for registrar of vital statistics the sum of \$500 for certain expenses. If the death records of the city, town, or plantation prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two are incomplete, the clerk of such city, town, or plantation may, within ten years from July fifteen, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, as may be prescribed by the said state registrar of vital statistics, cause to be copied at the expense of the city, town, or plantation, under the direction of the said state registrar of vital statistics, the inscriptions on all gravestones in the city, town, or plantation erected to the memory of any person who died prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two, so far as the same relates to the name of the deceased, date of death, age or date of birth, if given, and the name of the cemetery, and shall cause such records to be recorded in the books or archives of the city, town, or plantation. The state registrar of vital statistics shall furnish each of said clerks with suitable blank forms for the return of such records, which shall be copied, certified, and returned to the said state registrar of vital statistics within such reasonable time as he may prescribe as provided in section thirty-eight hereof. The work of transcription and certification shall be distributed as fairly and evenly as may be over said period of ten years.

When required for any lawful and proper purpose, certified copies of such records shall be furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics for a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the fee shall be fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant.

The treasurer of state shall make available for the registrar of vital statistics on the first day of July annually the sum of five hundred dollars

to pay for the clerical and incidental expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of sections thirty-seven to thirty-nine, inclusive.'

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 273.

AN ACT Relating to Standard Time.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 1, sec. 8; relating to standard time, amended. Section eight of chapter one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 8. Within the state of Maine, the standard time shall be that which is known and designated by the federal statute as "United States Eastern Standard Time".'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 1, secs. 9 and 10; repealed. Sections nine and ten of chapter one of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 274.

AN ACT Relating to Retired Employees of the State.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 158, sec. 20; relating to retired employees of the state, amended. Section twenty of chapter one hundred fifty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "any" in the fifth line thereof, the words 'one or more of the,' by changing the words "institution" and "department" in said fifth line to the plural; by striking out in the sixth line thereof the word "consecutive;" also by striking out all of said section after the word "more," in the sixth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words 'or has attained the age of seventy years and has been so employed with a good record for twenty years; or the governor and council may recommend the retirement from active service and the placing upon such a roll one who has served as an official, or for part of the time as an official and part of the time as an employee, and such official or employee shall be so retired and pensioned'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. How retirement may be recommended. The superintendent and board of trustees of any state institution and the head of any state