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 R. S., c. 1, secs. 9 and 10; repealed. Sections nine and ten of chapter one of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.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

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department may recommend the retirement from active service and the placing upon a pension roll, any employee who has been employed in any one or more of the state institutions or departments of this state, with a good record for the term of twenty-five years or more; 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 a part of the time as an employee, and such official or employee shall be so retired and pensioned.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 158, sec. 21; relating to pension shall not exceed one-half average salary, amended. Section twenty-one of chapter one hundred fifty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "any," in the first line thereof, the words 'officer or'; so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 21.** Any officer or employee who is retired; pension amount. Any officer or employee who is retired, as provided in the preceding section, shall be allowed such amount as the governor and council shall determine not to exceed one-half of the average wage or salary he was receiving for the five years previous to the time of his retirement.'

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 275.

AN ACT to Regulate the Sterilization of Inmates of Institutions.

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

Sec. 1. Provisions for recommendation for sterilization in certain cases. Whenever it appears to the medical staff or institution physician of any institution in this state which has the care or custody of insane or feeble-minded persons that any inmate under the care or custody of such institution would be likely, if released without sterilization, to produce a child or children who by reason of inheritance would have a tendency to serious mental disease or mental deficiency, said medical staff or institution physician shall submit to the governing board of such institution a recommendation that a surgical operation be performed upon said patient for the prevention of parenthood.

Sec. 2. Recommendation to be in writing; sworn statement of superintendent of history of patient. This recommendation shall be in writing