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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

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## Chapter 201.

### AN ACT Relating to the Counting and Sealing of Ballots.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 34 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 18. Ballots, how counted. The ballots shall be sorted and counted in open town or ward meeting by ~~duly constituted~~ election officials, ~~duly sworn to do their duty~~ by town or city clerks ~~and in such capacity shall be known as who shall be considered public officials. who shall not have been.~~ Any person in the employ of any ~~of the political party parties~~ or its ~~their~~ agents ~~to the election for~~ or in the employ of any candidate for election or his agent or in the employ of any corporation interested in any referendum within 6 months next prior to the election ~~each official signing and filing or referendum shall not serve as such election officer.~~ The ballots counted by the election officers shall be made up into a secure package and each such package shall have plainly written or stamped thereon the name of the officials counting the ballots in such package and all such election officers shall sign and file a sworn statement of their count. ~~with the name of the official written or stamped on the ballots counted by said official.~~ The counting of ~~said~~ ballots shall ~~to~~ be done in such manner as to afford the electors present ~~ample~~ opportunity to observe the sorting and counting, and the result shall be declared and recorded in open town or ward meeting. When the ballots have been so sorted and counted and the result so declared and recorded, all the ballots and sworn statements of said officials shall in open meeting be sealed in a package, which said package with the check-lists sealed in the same manner as the ballots shall forthwith be returned to the city, town, or plantation clerk. In case 2 or more kinds of official ballots are used in any election each kind shall be sealed in a separate package. All ballots and check-lists and sworn statements of said officials, shall be so sealed that the packages and check-lists cannot be opened or examined without first breaking the seal; and the sealed packages of ballots cast at any state election or at any election of the electors of president and vice-president of the United States shall have an indorsement of substantially the following tenor indorsed thereon or securely affixed thereon: “This package contains the ballots cast at an election for held in the                      of                      (or in ward                      of the city of                      ) on the                      day of                      19                      ; said ballots were sorted, counted, result declared and recorded, and this package sealed in open meeting in accordance with section 18 of chapter 8 of the revised

statutes." Such indorsement shall be signed by the town, plantation, or ward clerk and by a majority of the selectmen of towns and the assessors of plantations, or by the wardens in cities or voting precincts. The ballots and check-lists and sworn statements of said officials returned to the city clerk after any city election and all other ballots returned to him, which he is not required to forward to the secretary of state according to the provisions of section 47, shall be preserved by him as a public record for 6 months.'

Approved March 28, 1933.

## Chapter 202.

### AN ACT Relating to Prepayment of Taxes.

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

R. S., c. 14, relating to towns may permit prepayment of taxes and pay interest thereon, amended. Chapter 14 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 65-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 65-A. Prepayment of taxes; interest paid thereon. Towns at any properly called meeting may authorize their collectors or treasurers to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and to pay thereon interest at not exceeding the rate of 8%. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid, with the interest due on the whole transaction, at the date that the tax finally assessed is due and payable.'

Approved March 28, 1933.

## Chapter 203.

### AN ACT Relating to Pauper Settlements.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 1, sub-section I, amended; pauper settlement further defined. Sub-section I of section 1 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. Pauper settlement further defined. A married woman has the settlement of her husband, if he has any in the state; if he has not, ~~her own settlement is not affected by her marriage~~ she shall be deemed to have no settlement in the state. A woman over 21 years of age, having no husband, shall acquire a settlement in a town by having her home therein for 5 consecutive years, without receiving supplies as a pauper. When, in a suit between towns involving the settlement of a pauper, it appears