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unless the same are properly provided with net or nets having all meshes thereon measure not less than $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches mesh by diagonal, or stretch measurement as it is commonly known and called among shore fishermen.

Sec. 2. Penalty. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the 1st offense and in default of payment, by 30 days in jail; and for the 2nd offense he shall be punished by a fine of \$200 and in default of payment by 60 days in jail.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1937.

Chapter 35

AN ACT Relative to Compensation of Reporter of Decisions.

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

R. S., c. 125, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. The reporter of decisions. The reporter of decisions shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$2700~~ \$1700.'

Approved March 8, 1937.

Chapter 36

AN ACT Relating to Homesteads.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 95, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 69. Claim for homestead exemption to be recorded in registry of deeds; amount of exemption. Such person may file in the registry of deeds in the county or district where the land lies, a certificate signed by him, declaring his wish for such exemption, and describing the land and buildings; and the register shall record it in a suitable book; and so much of such property as does not exceed ~~five hundred dollars~~ \$1000 in value, is exempt from attachment or levy on execution issued on a judgment recovered for any debt, contracted jointly or severally by such person after

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the date of the recording thereof; and the record in the register's office is prima facie evidence that the certificate purporting to be there recorded, was made, signed, and filed as there appears.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 95, § 70, amended. Section 70 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 70. Proceedings when creditor claims that homestead is worth more than \$1000.** When such property is claimed by a creditor to be of greater value than ~~five hundred dollars~~ \$1000, it may be seized on execution, and the appraisers shall first set off such part thereof as the debtor may select, and if he neglects so to do, the officer may select for him, to such value, by metes and bounds; and they shall then appraise and set off to the creditor, so much of the remainder as may be necessary to satisfy the execution; the appraisers shall be sworn accordingly and the officer shall make return of his doings thereon.'

Approved March 8, 1937.

Chapter 37

AN ACT Relating to State Aid for Academies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 105, ¶ II, amended. Paragraph II of section 105 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters 92 and 211 of the public laws of 1931, and by chapter 168 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'II. For the purpose of placing the academies and institutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than 4 years of college, on an educational basis with definite financial aid, the commissioner of education, with the approval of the governor and council, is authorized to issue to such academies as come within the provision set up by the statutes, and in addition to the provisions above stated, and in the same manner, funds as follows: academies with an enrolment of from 20 to 40 pupils, \$20 per capita; 41 to 60 pupils, \$18 per capita; 61 to 80 pupils, \$16 per capita; 81 to 100 pupils, \$14 per capita; 101 to 150 pupils, \$12 per capita; 151 to 200 pupils, \$10 per capita; over 200 pupils, \$5 per capita; provided, when a slight increase in attendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced amount, the commissioner of education shall have authority to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner of