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give additional warning to travelers upon such ways by requiring the sounding of such whistles or the ringing of such bells at other places where said railroads cross such public ways other than at grade or run contiguous thereto, and such orders shall have the same force, and place the same obligations upon railroad corporations as when required under the provisions of this section.'

Approved March 18, 1937.

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## Chapter 48

### **AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Commissioners; Tenure of Office; Vacancies; Clerks and Their Duties; Chief Inspector of Utilities; Office and Equipment.**

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

**R. S., c. 62, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 1. Appointment of commissioners; tenure of office; vacancies; clerks and their duties; chief inspector of utilities; office and equipment.** The public utilities commission as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 7 years. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. One member of the commission shall be designated by the governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and have a seal and be provided with an office at the state house in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of the governor and council the commission may expend such sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of books, maps, stationery, office furniture, and supplies, for procuring statistics and information and for defraying expenses incidental to the discharge of its duties. A statement of such expenses shall accompany its annual report. The commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk, also a chief inspector of utilities, who shall be a practical railroad man and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of the proceedings of the commission which shall be open to public inspection at all times. The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the clerk. The clerk shall have authority to certify to all official acts of the commission, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and issue all processes, notices,

orders or other documents necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission. The commission shall have custody and control of all records, maps, and papers pertaining to the offices of the former board of railroad commissioners and the former state water storage commission.'

Approved March 18, 1937.

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## Chapter 49

### AN ACT Relating to Town Ordinances.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 139, amended. Section 139 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 139. Notices required before enacting ordinances or by-laws. No ordinance or by-law shall be enacted ~~hereunder~~ under the provisions of sections 137 and 138 of this chapter until after a public hearing thereon, notice of which hearing shall be published at least 30 days before the hearing in a newspaper published in the city, town, or village corporation concerned, or in a newspaper published in the county wherein said city, town, or village corporation is located.'

Approved March 18, 1937.

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## Chapter 50

### AN ACT Relating to Examiners of the Public Utilities Commission.

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

R. S., c. 62, § 59, amended. Section 59 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 140 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 59. Each commissioner may administer oaths, hold hearings, etc., and issue necessary orders and processes. Each of the commissioners for the purposes mentioned in this chapter, may hold hearings and conduct investigations, administer oaths, certify to official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, documents, and testimony, punish by fine and imprisonment for contempt, and issue all processes necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission. Said public utilities commission shall have