

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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pense of the counties. No county commissioner shall be interested directly or indirectly in the purchase of any such supplies or in any contract therefor made by the board of which and while he is a member thereof, and all contracts made in violation hereof are void. A suitable person shall be employed to prepare the food of the prisoners in each county at the expense of the county, and the service of the food to the prisoners shall be under the general direction of the jailer, master or keeper. The person employed to prepare the food of the prisoners shall be appointed by the sheriff in each county subject to the approval of the county commissioners. The county commissioners may at any time direct specific rations or articles of food, clothing, soap, fuel, or other necessaries to be furnished and served to the prisoners. The bills and accounts for supplies furnished and the items of expense incurred in preparing and serving the same shall be audited quarterly by some competent person appointed by one of the justices of the superior court and paid by the county treasurer. For services in auditing said account said justice shall allow reasonable compensation to be paid from the county treasury by the state department of audit, as provided by chapter 206 of the public laws of 1937.'

Approved April 6, 1939.

Chapter 174

AN ACT Relative to Trapping Season.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 72, amended. Paragraph (g) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 6, 1939.

Chapter 175

AN ACT Relating to Vacancies in Town Offices.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 30, amended. Section 30 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 30. Vacancies in town offices; exceptions. When by reason of nonacceptance, resignation, death, removal, insanity, or other incompetency of a person chosen to a town office, except as provided in sections

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15, 17, and 25 there is a vacancy, or want of officers, the town may choose new officers; and they shall be sworn, if an oath is required, and have the same powers as if elected at the annual meeting. The meeting for choice of such new officers may be called by the person or persons legally elected and qualified as selectman or selectmen although less than a full board.'

Approved April 6, 1939.

Chapter 176**AN ACT Permitting Teachers to be Elected under Contract.**

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

R. S., c. 19, § 70, amended. Paragraph (e) of section 70 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 9 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'(e) Shall nominate teachers; election to be approved by committee; teachers may be elected under contract. He shall nominate all teachers subject to such regulations governing salaries and the qualifications of teachers as the superintending school committee shall make, and upon the approval of nominations by said committee he may employ teachers so nominated and approved for such terms, not to exceed 5 years, as he may deem proper, subject to the approval of the school committee. Provided, in case the superintendent of schools and the superintending school committee fail to legally elect a teacher, the commissioner of education shall have authority to appoint a substitute teacher who shall serve until such election is made.'

Approved April 6, 1939.

Chapter 177**AN ACT Relating to Local Option Provisions.**

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

P. L., 1935, c. 157, amended. Chapter 157 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by section 4 of chapter 238 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Local option. ~~The sale of liquor as permitted by law shall be lawful until January 1, 1937, in any city or town in the state which at the~~