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ments and papers pertaining to said subject of inquiry and investigation. Said insurance commissioner, deputy insurance commissioner, and municipal officers may also administer oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before them; and false swearing in any matter or proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punished as such. Said insurance commissioner and his subordinates shall have authority, at all times of the day or night, in the performance of the duties imposed by this chapter, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where a fire is in progress or has occurred, and other buildings or premises adjoining or near the same. All investigations held by or under the direction of the insurance commissioner, deputy insurance commissioner, or the municipal officers may in their discretion be private, and persons other than those required to be present by the provisions hereof may be excluded from the place where such investigation is held, and witnesses may be kept separate and apart from one another and not allowed to communicate with one another until they have been examined.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 35, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 35 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 56. Municipal officers to keep record of returns. Municipal officers shall record or cause to be recorded, ~~in a book provided by the insurance commissioner,~~ all returns made under the provisions of the 6 preceding sections.'

Approved April 8, 1939.

Chapter 193

AN ACT Relative to the Office of Town Auditor.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Annual meetings; treasurers and collectors not to be selectmen or assessors; may be same person. Annual town meetings shall be held in March, and the voters shall then choose, by a majority vote, a clerk, 3, 5 or 7 inhabitants of the town to be selectmen and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not chosen, 3 or more assessors, 2 or more fence viewers, a treasurer, surveyors of lumber, sealers of leather, measurers of wood and bark, constables, collectors of taxes, and other usual town officers; and if one third of the voters present are in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a majority vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be sworn. In towns of over 4,000 inhabitants the candidates receiving the

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greatest number of votes for any of the above mentioned offices shall be deemed elected to such offices. Treasurers and collectors of towns shall not be selectmen or assessors, until they have completed their duties as treasurers and collectors and had a final settlement with the town. The treasurer and collector of taxes of cities and towns may be one and the same person.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 15, repealed. Section 15 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved April 8, 1939.

Chapter 194

AN ACT Relating to Regulation of Pauper Expense for Conveyance of Children Attending the Public Schools.

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

P. L., 1935, c. 91, amended. Chapter 91 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 115 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Pauper expenses of towns, cities, plantations, and state, regulated; conveyance of school children. Any city, town or plantation ~~that has~~ which locates paupers ~~who reside~~ having children attending the public schools, in another city, town or plantation, ~~who have children attending the public schools~~ shall locate such paupers so that the city, town or plantation where they reside shall not be put to extra expense for conveyance of children to ~~primary~~ elementary or secondary schools; provided, however, that if the said city, town or plantation does not so locate said paupers, the said city, town or plantation shall reimburse the city, town or plantation wherein the said paupers reside for the extra expense so caused. The state shall locate its paupers so that the city, town or plantation in which they reside shall not be put to extra expense for conveyance of the children of said paupers to ~~primary~~ elementary or secondary schools; provided, however, that if the state does not so locate said paupers, the state shall reimburse the city, town or plantation wherein the said paupers reside for the extra expense incurred for said conveyance. For the purposes of this section the word "paupers" shall mean all persons who have been directly or indirectly furnished with pauper supplies, as such, within the 3 months next preceding the time when the extra expense for conveyance, as above described, was incurred. Expenses incurred by any town or by the state under this section may be paid from funds made available for relief of the poor but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense.'

Approved April 8, 1939.