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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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of said child, if any, to such child, and to the department of health and welfare at least 5 days prior to the date set for said hearing, and at such time and place, may examine into the truth of said allegations, and if satisfactory evidence thereof is adduced, and it appears that the welfare of such girl minor child requires it, he may order her such minor child to be committed to the custody and guardianship of the department officers of the state school for boys or the Hallowell state school for girls during his or her minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law, or order her such child committed to the custody of the department of health and welfare in accordance with subject to provisions of sections 205, 206 and 207 of this chapter. All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer who may execute civil process. Upon commitment of such a girl if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to the Hallowell state school for girls, and the fees of judges of municipal courts, trial justices, and officers shall be the same as for similar services in civil cases, and the fees of such woman attendant shall be the same as provided for aids in criminal cases, and when not otherwise provided for, all fees shall be audited by the county commissioners and paid from the county treasury.'

Approved April 20, 1939.

#### Chapter 271

AN ACT Relating to Alimony.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 73, § 9, amended. The last sentence of section 9 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The court may also decree to her reasonable alimony out of his estate, having regard to his ability, and sufficient money for her defense or prosecution of hearings affecting alimony; and to effect the purposes aforesaid, may order so much of his real estate, or the rents and profits thereof, as is necessary, to be assigned and set out to her for life; or instead of alimony, may decree a specific sum to be paid by him to her or payable in such manner and at such times as the court may direct; and may at any time alter, amend or suspend a decree for alimony or specific sum when it appears that justice requires; and use all necessary legal processes to carry its decrees into effect.'

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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 73, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 11. New trial within 3 years, when granted. Within 3 years after judgment on a libel for divorce, a new trial may be granted as to the divorce when the parties have not cohabited, nor either contracted a new marriage since the former trial. The court may at any time alter, amend or suspend a decree for alimony or specific sum when it appears that justice requires.'

Approved April 20, 1939.

#### Chapter 272

#### AN ACT Relating to the State Police.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 126, amended. The 1st sentence of section 126 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The governor and council shall determine the salary of the chief. and The compensation of the other members of the state police shall be determined as follows:

On appointment as a patrolman, the member shall receive a salary of \$20 per week, for his probation period of 6 months, at the end of which time he shall receive a salary of \$25 per week for the next 6 months; during his 2nd year of service, he shall receive a salary of \$28 per week; during the next 6 years he shall receive a salary of \$32 a week; and thereafter, he shall receive an annual increase of \$1.50 per week until his pay shall reach the sum of \$35 per week.

On appointment as a sergeant, the member shall receive a salary of \$36 per week. Annually each sergeant shall receive an increase in salary of \$26 per year until his pay shall reach the sum of \$38 per week.

On appointment as a lieutenant, the member shall receive a salary of \$40 per week. Annually each lieutenant shall receive an increase in salary of \$1 per week until his pay shall reach the sum of \$45 per week.

On appointment as a captain, the member shall receive a salary of \$47 per week. Annually each captain shall receive an increase in salary of \$1 per week until his pay shall reach the sum of \$53 per week.'

Sec. 2. Saving clause. No part of this act shall be construed to reduce