

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth
Legislatures

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

From April 24, 1937 to April 21, 1939

AND

MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

Published by the Secretary of State, in conjunction
with the Revisor of Statutes in accordance with the
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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

1939

Sec. 2. Standard tests to be approved by state department of health and welfare. The state department of health and welfare is hereby authorized to approve 1 or more tests for syphilis which shall be known as standard tests, and may approve and appoint other laboratories in addition to the state laboratory to make such tests.

Sec. 3. Blood specimens to be accompanied by information blank; report. Blood specimens sent to a laboratory in compliance with section 1 hereof shall be accompanied by an information blank which shall contain the initials of the person whose blood is submitted or a number or other suitable means of identification, and also the word "Prenatal" to indicate the purpose of the examination.

If the person in question is found to be infected with syphilis, the physician in charge shall make a report to the state bureau of health on a regular blank, supplied by the bureau for the reporting of venereal diseases, adding thereto the word "Prenatal" in addition to such other information as may be indicated on said blanks.

Such reports shall be kept in a special file at the bureau and shall not be considered a public record. However, such reports may be produced in any court procedure where they may be material and relevant, on an order of the justice presiding.

Sec. 4. Existing laws not affected. Nothing in this act shall impair or affect existing laws, rules or regulations made by authority of law, relative to the reporting of cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea discovered by physicians and no civil action shall be maintainable for failure to comply with this act.

Approved April 20, 1939.

Chapter 291

AN ACT Relating to the Publication of Legal Notices, Legal Advertising and Other Matter Required by Law to be Published in a Newspaper.

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

Publication of legal notices; regulated. To be qualified as a medium for the publication of legal notices, legal advertising and other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper, a newspaper, unless otherwise ordered by the court in the proceedings, must be published and printed in whole or in part in this state, or, where the law so requires, in whole or in part in the county where the notice is required to be published; must

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be printed in the English language; and must be entered as second class postal matter in the United States mails at the post office in the place of such printing and publication; providing that nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter or in any way affect the existing law governing the foreclosure of real estate mortgages, chattel mortgages or any conditional sales contract, by publication.

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 292

AN ACT Providing for the Publication of an Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of the State by the State Controller.

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

Sec. 1. Controller to prepare annual financial statement. The state controller shall prepare as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year an explanatory statement of the financial condition of the state together with such supporting figures for such fiscal year as may be necessary to furnish a comprehensive and concise report.

Sec. 2. Publication. The controller shall publish such report on or before August 25 of each year in all daily newspapers and in all weekly newspapers published in the state which are entered as second-class matter with the United States Post Office Department and which are published regularly at least 52 times a year.

Sec. 3. Newspaper space required. Such published report shall not require newspaper space in excess of a 6 column page or its equivalent.

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 293

AN ACT Relating to Fines Paid to Municipal Courts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 144, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 144 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 1. Appointment of municipal judges; all fees to be paid over. Judges of municipal courts shall be appointed and shall hold their offices as provided in the constitution. ~~Their salaries, unless established by law,~~