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and control of the heads of the respective departments, and shall perform such duties as these officers shall prescribe.

The heads of departments may employ such bureau chiefs, deputies, assistants and employees as may be necessary, with the approval of the governor and council. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the head of any department because of death, resignation, removal or other cause, the various bureau chiefs, deputies and assistants in said department shall continue in office and perform such duties as have been prescribed for or assigned to them, until said vacancy has been filled by the appointment and qualification of a new head of said department.'

Approved June 5, 1940

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AN ACT Amending the Farm Lands Loan Act.

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

R. S., c. 58, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 58 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 70 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Commissioner of agriculture secretary of board; to institute proceedings on overdue payments. The ~~state auditor~~ commissioner of agriculture shall act as secretary of said commissioners and he shall keep a record of all bonds, mortgages, and notes securing the same taken under authority of this chapter, showing all necessary information relative to the bonds taken, the name of the mortgagor, the amount of the mortgage, when executed, when and where payable, the rate of interest, and any other matters that he may deem essential, and he is hereby authorized and required in the name of the state to institute and prosecute proceedings, by any of the methods provided by law of foreclosure when any sums are overdue on notes taken hereunder; and he is hereby further authorized on recommendation of the commissioners to sell and convey in the name and on behalf of the state the interest of the state in property acquired by foreclosure under this section, and the net proceeds of such sale shall be credited to the fund from which such mortgage loan was originally made. Whenever the title to any property mortgaged under the provisions of this chapter shall have been acquired by the state, either by foreclosure of said mortgage or by conveyance, the commissioners may pay out of interest on the reserved land fund to the town or plantation in which such property is situated such sum as may be determined as hereinafter

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provided toward compensating said town or plantation for the loss of taxes on such property. The amount of said payment shall be determined by the ~~state auditor~~ commissioner of agriculture, the state tax assessor and the attorney-general, and in determining said amount said state officials shall take into consideration the amount of income, if any, derived by the state from any lease or tenancy of said property, the expense incurred by said town in opening and maintaining highways to said property, the number of pupils, if any, who are residing on said property and attending the public schools of said town or plantation and the cost of transporting them to and from such schools, which amount to be paid shall not in any one year exceed the revenue derived by said town or plantation from its tax on said property during the year preceding acquisition of title thereto by the state. All expenses incidental to or connected with the carrying out of the provisions of this chapter shall, with the approval of the governor and council, be paid from the reserved land fund, and so much of said fund as is necessary to pay such expenses is hereby appropriated for said purpose.'

Approved June 5, 1940

Chapter 301

AN ACT Repealing the Law Requiring Guaranty of Titles of Motor Vehicles.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, it is the intent of the legislature to prevent further confusion caused by the guaranty of title law; and

Whereas, if this repeal of the said law does not take effect immediately, for a period of 90 days it will still be compulsory to obtain a title although said title will be ineffective at the end of this 90-day period; and

Whereas, this will further confuse the public and increase the difficulties of registration of motor vehicles; and

Whereas, the foregoing facts, in the judgment of the legislature, render the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of article XXXI of the constitution; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1939, c. 239, Art. I, §§ 1-6, repealed. Sections 1 to 6, both inclusive, of article I of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1939 are hereby repealed.