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**PUBLIC LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

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## Chapter 58

### AN ACT Relating to Investment of Farm Land Loan's Funds.

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

R. S., c. 58, §3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 58 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. How commissioners may invest funds. The said commissioners shall in their discretion invest the principal of the funds which have arisen or may hereafter arise from the sale and lease of the lands reserved for public uses, keeping the principal funds separate from the interest, ~~in the following named bonds and loans, but in no other manner, to wit: 1. In bonds of this state; 2. In approved mortgages on agricultural lands, as hereafter provided in this act; 3. In the bonds of any city, town, or county of Maine; 4. In the bonds of the United States.~~ (1) in accordance with the laws of the state governing the investment of the funds of savings banks or institutions for savings as enumerated in paragraphs I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and X of section 27 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes as amended, and (2) in approved mortgages on agricultural lands, as hereafter provided in this act.'

Approved March 14, 1941

## Chapter 59

### AN ACT Relating to the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Courts of Washington County.

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

Sec. 1. Jurisdiction of municipal courts in Washington county. The municipal courts within the county of Washington shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court, of all civil actions in which the debt or damages demanded do not exceed \$300 to the extent following:

(1) The Eastport municipal court in which the defendant or a person summoned in good faith and on probable grounds, as trustee, resides in the city of Eastport, or in the towns of Perry, Pembroke, Dennysville or Edmunds, or having residence beyond the limits of this state, is served with process within said city or towns;

(2) The West Washington municipal court in which the defendant or

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a person summoned in good faith and on probable grounds, as trustee, resides within the towns of Addison, Beals, Beddington, Centerville, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Cutler, East Machias, Harrington, Jonesport, Jonesboro, Lubec, Machias, Machiasport, Marion, Marshfield, Milbridge, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Steuben, Trescott, Wesley, Whitneyville, Whiting, Plantations numbered 14, 18 and 29, or having residence beyond the limits of this state, is served with process within said towns;

(3) The Calais municipal court in which the defendant or a person summoned in good faith and on probable grounds, as trustee, resides in any city, or town in the county of Washington not mentioned in either subsection (1) or (2) hereof, or having residence beyond the limits of this state, is served with process within any city or town within the said jurisdiction of said court.

**Sec. 2. Amending clause.** All acts or parts of acts, either public or private, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform with the provisions hereof.

Approved March 14, 1941

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## Chapter 60

### AN ACT Relating to Hearings Before Masters in Chancery.

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

R. S., c. 91, § 40, amended. Section 40 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

‘Hearings before masters in chancery shall be subject to the established rules for the admission of evidence. Evidence may be presented wholly or partly by oral testimony or depositions. When oral testimony is used, unless it is otherwise stipulated in writing by the parties, it shall be reduced to writing by the stenographer. The depositions and a transcript of the evidence shall be admissible on behalf of either party on hearings on the acceptance of the master’s report and in all further proceedings in the cause.’

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