

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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Legislatures

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

CHAP. 112

Sec. 5. Act not retroactive. This act shall not apply to the distribution of the property of any person dying before this act takes effect nor to the distribution of the proceeds of any policy of life or accident insurance the effective date of which is prior to that upon which this act takes effect.

Sec. 6. Act does not apply if decedent provides otherwise. This act shall not apply in the case of wills, deeds, or contracts of insurance wherein provision has been made for distribution different from the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. Uniformity of interpretation. This act shall be so construed and interpreted as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law in those states which enact it.

Sec. 8. Short title. This act may be cited as the "Uniform Simultaneous Death Act."

Sec. 9. Repeal. All laws or parts of laws which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. Severability. If any of the provisions of this act or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

Approved March 29, 1941

Chapter 112

AN ACT Relating to Voting Booths.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Voting compartments to be provided for use of voters while marking their ballots. The municipal officers in each city, town, or plantation, as aforesaid, shall cause the polling places therein to be suitably provided with a sufficient number of voting shelves and compartments, at or in which voters may conveniently mark their ballots so that in the marking thereof they shall be screened from the observation of others, and each voting shelf and compartment shall have a wooden swing door or drop curtain so arranged that the top thereof shall be not less than 6 feet from the floor and the bottom of the door or drop curtain shall be at least 2

feet and 6 inches from the floor. And such ~~door~~ entrance shall be ~~shut~~ closed while the voter is within the compartment, and no one shall be allowed therein with him, unless he calls for assistance in the marking of his ballot, and such assistance shall be so furnished according to the provisions of this chapter, and a guard-rail shall be so constructed and placed that only such persons as are inside said rail can approach within 6 feet of the ballot-boxes and of such voting shelves and compartments. The arrangement shall be such that the ballot-boxes shall not be hidden from the view of persons present, and the voting shelves and compartments shall be so arranged that the ~~door~~ entrance of each compartment shall be next to the guard-rail, so as to admit to full view of the persons just outside of the guard-rail those who enter and leave each compartment. The number of such voting shelves and compartments shall not be less than one for every 200 voters qualified to vote at such polling place, and not less than 2 in any town, and not less than 5 in any ward of a city. No persons other than the election officers, election clerks, and voters admitted as hereinafter provided, shall be permitted within said rail, except by authority of the presiding election officer or officers for the purpose of keeping order and enforcing the law. Each voting shelf and compartment shall be kept provided with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballots.'

Approved March 29, 1941

Chapter 113

AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Unemployment Compensation With Respect to Grants From the Social Security Board.

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

P. L., 1935, c. 192, § 13, additional. Section 13 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new subsection (c), to read as follows:

'(c) Reimbursement of fund. If any moneys received after June 30, 1941, from the Social Security Board under title III of the Social Security Act or any Unencumbered balances in the Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund as of that date, or any moneys granted after that date to this state pursuant to the provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act, or any moneys made available by this state or its political subdivisions and matched by such moneys granted to this state pursuant to the provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act, are found by the Social Security Board, because of any action or contingency, to have been lost or been expended for purposes other than, or in amounts in excess of, those found necessary by