

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth
Legislatures

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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PROPERTY OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Whereas, the success of the potato producers is necessary for the social security of the inhabitants of a large area of our state; and

Whereas, the provisions of the following act will permit the potato producers to obtain a fair price for their potatoes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P. L., 1935, c. 51, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 51 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 58 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Sale without grading by grower or shipper permitted. No provisions of this act shall be construed to prevent a grower or shipper of potatoes from selling or delivering the same within or without the state unpacked or unmarked, or selling his crop in bulk, or any part thereof, to a packer for grading, packing or storage within or without the state. Nor shall any provision of this act prevent any person from manufacturing the same into any by-product, or from selling the same unpacked or unmarked to any person actually engaged in the operation of a commercial by-products factory for the sole and express purpose of being used within the state in the manufacture of a by-product for resale. **Provided, however,** that when a grower or a shipper chooses to tag, brand or label as to grade potatoes, or is requested by the buyer to furnish potatoes graded and branded, tagged or labelled as to grade, such potatoes must conform to the requirements of this chapter.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 4, 1941

Chapter 177

AN ACT Relating to Town Reports.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 63, amended. Section 63 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 218 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

CHAP. 178

'Sec. 63. Selectmen and treasurer to make reports; printed reports to be distributed before annual meeting; all town books to be open for public inspection; penalty for refusal or neglect. Persons charged with the expenditure of the money of a town shall, at least 3 days before the day of the annual meeting, make a full and detailed written or printed report, written in ink or printed on paper of not less than 50 pound basis with ink and bound in the size measuring 6 inches wide by 9 inches long, of all their financial transactions in behalf of the town during the municipal year immediately preceding, with a full account of the receipts and disbursements during that period, and to whom and for what purpose each item of the same was paid, with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town; including a list of all unpaid taxes which have been committed to the treasurer or collector for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each. Such reports, and the complete report of the audit made as provided by section 100 of this chapter, both in sufficient number, shall be deposited in the office of the selectmen for distribution to the legally qualified voters of such town at least 3 days before such annual meeting; if the selectmen have no such office, then such reports in like manner shall be deposited in a convenient place of business in such town for distribution; copies of such reports shall be kept deposited in the office of the said selectmen, or if they have no such office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, with proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, and all the books of the town shall be open during the usual hours of business, to the inspection of voters; and if any town officer refuses or neglects to perform any requirement of this section, or refuses to allow any voter to examine such reports, vouchers and town books, he shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each refusal or neglect.'

Approved April 4, 1941

Chapter 178

AN ACT Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money in Anticipation of State Appropriations.

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

R. S., c. 28, §75, amended. Section 75 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 75. Towns having money to become available from state for road or bridge work may anticipate expenditure. Any town to which, under any legislative enactment or resolve, money will become available for road