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As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Chapter 285

AN ACT Relating to Apportionment of School Funds.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 208, amended. Section 208 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 208. Apportionment on basis of school census. On the basis of the school census of the towns on April 1st, annually, as returned under the provisions of section 57, the commissioner of education shall apportion to each town the amount of \$3 for each person returned in the school census for said town. Provided, however, that when in any year the amount remaining in the state school fund after the apportionment on account of teaching positions provided in section 207 of this chapter is insufficient to pay to the several towns the amount of \$3 for each child of census age, such amount remaining shall be proportionately allocated to the several towns in the state.'

Approved April 25, 1941

Chapter 286

AN ACT Relating to the School or Reserved Lands of the State.

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

R. S., c. 11, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Forest commissioner to have care of lots located; may sell timber, grass and gravel on such lots and grant permits. The forest commissioner shall have the care of the reserved lands in all townships or tracts until they are incorporated and the fee becomes vested in the town. He may from time to time sell for cash for such sum as may be consented to by the assessors of any organized plantation or by the county commissioners in the county in which any unorganized plantation is situated, the timber and grass thereon or the right to cut the same, and also any gravel existing in the soil of such lands (but such gravel shall be sold only for the construction of public highways or other public works in the vicinity of the location of the land from which the gravel is taken, and then only when, in the opinion of the forest commissioner, there will be an increase in the value of said lands by reason of the construction of said

public highways or public works) until incorporated into a town, except the grass growing on improvements made by an actual settler. When so sold he shall give the purchaser a permit under his hand and seal, setting forth the terms of the contract, which permit shall be recorded in the office; provided, however, that no timber shall be so sold until the same has been advertised for sale and a notice thereof published for 3 weeks successively in some newspaper published in the county where the land is situated, and if no such paper is published in such county then in the state paper. Except that this section shall not apply to cases where the reserved lands have not been located.'

Approved April 25, 1941

Chapter 287

AN ACT Relating to the Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The parents or surviving parent of such child, or the mother if such child be illegitimate, with the approval of the judge of probate of the county in which such parent or parents reside or may be, and after a determination by such judge of probate that a surrender and release is for the best interests of all parties, may surrender and release all parental rights in and to such child and the custody and control thereof to an incorporated and licensed society, asylum, or home, of which such child may be an inmate or ward, or to the state department of health and welfare, for the purpose of enabling such incorporated society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare to have such child adopted by some suitable person, and its name changed when a change is desirable, and the child made an heir-at-law under the provisions of this chapter. The effect of this surrender and release shall be fully explained by the judge of probate to the parent or parents executing the same. The aforementioned surrender and release approved as aforesaid shall be filed with the petition for adoption of said child in the probate court. In such cases the consent to adoption hereinbefore provided for may be given by such incorporated society, asylum or home, or state department of health and welfare.'

Approved April 25, 1941