

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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OF THE  
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**PUBLIC LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

**1943**

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## Chapter 240

AN ACT Relating to the Age of Children Attending School.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 32, amended. Section 32 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Pupils who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15th following the opening of schools in September, shall be given the right to attend the public schools of the state, provided the plan for the sub-primary grade, as outlined in the elementary school curriculum of Maine, is followed; provided, furthermore, that in towns which do not provide either a sub-primary grade as indicated above or a kindergarten as provided in this section, children, who will not have reached 6 years of age on or before the last day of February following the opening of schools in September, shall not be admitted.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 241

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Judge of Probate of Lincoln County.

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

R. S., c. 125, § 39, amended. The 9th paragraph of section 39 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Lincoln, ~~nine hundred dollars~~ \$1,000.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 242

AN ACT Relating to Acquiring Membership in Indian Tribes.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 254, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 254 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. By marriage to a male member of said tribe; but membership by marriage can be acquired only by such persons as are in whole or ~~in part~~ to the extent of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of Indian blood, and it shall not include the previous issue of the person acquiring it.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 243

### AN ACT Defining an Indian.

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

**Indian defined.** An Indian is hereby defined for all purposes as being a person who is in whole or to the extent of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of Indian blood. All previous enactments are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with this definition.

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 244

### AN ACT Relating to the Discharge of Persons Committed to Insane Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1939, c. 227, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 227 of the public laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Discharge of patients from the insane hospitals. Whenever in the judgment of the superintendents of either of the hospitals for the insane any person, other than a person committed thereto as criminally insane, committed to and confined therein, requires only infirmary care, he shall certify that fact to the ~~overseers of the poor~~ municipal officers of the city or town ~~in~~ from which such person ~~has his pauper settlement~~ was committed; and said ~~overseers of the poor~~ municipal officers shall forthwith remove such person or cause such person to be removed from said hospital and taken to said city or town. If said ~~overseers of the poor~~ municipal officers to whom such certification is made as aforesaid fail to remove such person from said hospital within 1 week after receipt of such certification, the city or town ~~in~~ from which such person ~~has his pauper settlement~~ was committed shall be liable to the state of Maine for the entire cost of maintaining such person in said hospital, at a rate determined by the commissioner of institutional service, from the date of the certification as aforesaid