

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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Legislatures  
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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## CHAP. 263

(a) the unexpended balance remaining in any capital reserve fund after the completion of the work to be financed therefrom and the payment of all costs incurred therefor, or

(b) the unexpended balance remaining in any capital reserve fund established for a project which the town or county has decided to abandon in whole or in part.

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 263

### AN ACT Regulating the Sale of Horse Meat.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, there is a serious shortage of meat and it is essential to regulate the sale of all meat in order to protect the health of the people; 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 of Maine 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:*

**Sec. 1. Sale of horse meat regulated.** No person, firm, corporation or officer, agent or employee thereof, within the state of Maine shall transport, receive for transportation, sell or offer for sale or distribution, any equine meat or food products thereof unless said equine meat is plainly and conspicuously labeled, marked, branded and tagged "horse meat" or "horse-meat products"; or shall serve, expose or offer for sale or distribution either in any public place or elsewhere, any equine meat or products containing equine meat unless such equine meat is conspicuously branded and labeled and a notice containing the words "horse meat and horse-meat products sold here" is conspicuously displayed in said place of business to the end that the purchaser may have knowledge of the facts of the article purchased.

Whenever any person, firm or corporation within the state of Maine sells, ships or delivers to a purchaser within the state of Maine any equine meat or food products thereof, such person, firm or corporation shall deliver to the purchaser an invoice or bill showing thereon the character of

such meat. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to sales made at retail.

**Sec. 2. Commissioner of agriculture to enforce.** The commissioner of agriculture shall by adequate inspection see that the requirements of this act are carried out.

**Sec. 3. Penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, and by a fine of not more than \$200 for each subsequent offense, and the municipal and superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction of the offense.

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

Effective April 5, 1943

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## Chapter 264

### AN ACT Relating to Inspections and Recounts in Municipal Elections.

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

**Sec. 1. Inspection of ballots.** Upon written application by any candidate for any city office within 3 days after the result of a city election is declared, the clerk of each city shall permit any candidate or his agent to inspect the ballots cast at any municipal election after the same have been returned to him, under such reasonable regulations or restrictions consistent with the right of inspection as will secure every ballot from loss, injury, or change in any respect. Such inspection shall be permitted only after written notice by said clerk to the ward officers who signed the returns of said election and to the other contesting candidates, sufficient to enable them to be present in person or by agent at said inspection. After each inspection the packages shall be again sealed, and the fact and date of inspection noted on the package. No such examination of the ballots shall be made without reasonable notice to all candidates upon the ballot for the offices specified in the application as to which such errors are alleged to have occurred, stating when and where such examination will be made and affording such candidates a reasonable opportunity to be present in person or by counsel at such examination and be heard in relation thereto. Said inspection of ballots shall be held not later than 5 days after written application for an inspection of said ballots has been received by the said city clerk.

**Sec. 2. Recount proceedings.** Whenever any candidate for any mu-