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thereof are conducted as required by law and by such by-laws as the board adopts; employ teachers and lecturers for the same; and shall have authority, by and with the consent of the governor and council, to dispose of and acquire property for the improvement of the plants and grounds; and annually, on the 1st day of December, lay before the covernor and council for the information of the legislature, a financial statement furnishing an accurate detailed account of the receipts and expenditures for the school year preceding biennially render to the governor and council an accurate account of the receipts and expenditures for the biennium preceding, including same as a part of the commissioner's report. The clerical and staff services for this board shall be performed by the employees of the department of education under the direction of the commissioner. This board shall have full authority to change the names of any or all of the state normal schools and to designate them as teachers' colleges when such institutions offer not less than 4 years of teacher-training work. The head of a teachers' college shall be designated as a president.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 231

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany and Japan; and

Whereas, it is essential for the fire warden service to be maintained at its best during this war emergency; 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. R. S., c. 32, § 82, amended. The last 3 sentences of section 82 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

The chief forest fire wardens shall perform such other duties, at such times, and under such rules and regulations as the said commissioner may prescribe, and each shall receive as compensation \$ an amount set by said

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commissioner, with the approval of the governor and council, for each and every day of actual service, with an allowance for actual necessary expenses of travel. Deputy forest fire wardens shall perform such duties, at such times and under such rules and regulations, as the commissioner, or the chief fire warden of the district, with the approval of the commissioner, may prescribe. They shall receive as compensation \$= an amount set by said commissioner, with the approval of the governor and council, for each and every day of actual service, with an allowance for actual necessary expenses of travel.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1943, c. 291, repealed. Chapter 291 of the public laws of 1943 is hereby repealed.

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

Effective April 12, 1945

Chapter 232

AN ACT Relating to Decrees for Alimony.

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

R. S., c. 153, § 62, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 62 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The court may also decree to her reasonable alimony out of his estate, having regard to his ability, and sufficient money for her defense or prosecution of hearings affecting alimony; and, to effect the purposes aforesaid, may order so much of his real estate, or the rents and profits thereof, as is necessary, to be assigned and set out to her for life; or, instead of alimony, may decree a specific sum to be paid by him to her or payable in such manner and at such times as the court may direct; and **the court or any justice in vacation** may at any time alter, amend, or suspend a decree for alimony or specific sum when it appears that justice requires; and use all necessary legal processes to carry its decrees into effect.'

Effective July 21, 1945