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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

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## Chapter 80

### AN ACT Relating to Permanent School Fund.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 195, repealed and replaced. Section 195 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 350 and by chapter 353, both of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 195. Permanent school fund. The treasurer of state shall keep a separate account of all moneys received from sales of lands appropriated for the support of schools or from notes taken therefor and of any other moneys appropriated for the same purpose; and such sum shall constitute a permanent school fund, which may be put at interest. Such interest shall accrue to a fund to be allocated to towns by the commissioner of education for the purpose of surveying school systems and developing school plans. Said allocation shall not in any case exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the cost of such surveys or plans.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 81.

### AN ACT Relating to Fire Wardens in Organized Towns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 68, amended. The 4th, 5th and 6th sentences of section 68 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'The commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the chief forest fire wardens within the limits of the Maine forestry district and to the municipal ~~officers~~ forest fire wardens of all towns and organized plantations of the state outside of the Maine forestry district, blank permits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth. Any chief forest fire warden within the limits of the Maine forestry district or the municipal ~~officers~~ forest fire wardens of the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have full authority to countersign and grant such permits signed by the commissioner. The commissioner may, however, in any particular case called to his attention, overrule the decision of the chief forest fire warden within the limits of the Maine forestry district or the municipal ~~officers~~

forest fire wardens, and himself grant the permit asked for or forbid the granting of the same.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 85, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 56. Inquiry to be made into origin of woodland fires. Municipal ~~officers~~ forest fire wardens in towns shall proceed immediately to a strict inquiry into the cause and origin of fires within woodlands; and in all cases where such fires are found to have originated from the unlawful act of any person, to cause the offender to be prosecuted without delay.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 85, § 57, amended. Section 57 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 57. Municipal forest fire wardens to make report of any forest fire. The ~~selectmen~~ municipal forest fire wardens of towns in which a forest fire of ~~more than 1 acre~~ in any extent has occurred, within a month shall report to the forest commissioner the extent of area burned over to the best of their information, together with the probable amount of property destroyed, specifying the value of timber, as near as may be, and the amount of cord-wood, logs, bark, or other forest product, fencing, bridges, and buildings that have been burned. They shall also report the causes of these fires, if they can be ascertained, and the measures employed and found effective in checking their progress. Blanks for such reports shall be furnished by the forest commissioner at the expense of the state.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 82

### AN ACT to Validate the Use of Check Marks in Elections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 4, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Ballots, how made up; order of offices; names to be in alphabetical order; printing, color, and size of ballots. Every ballot which shall be printed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall contain the names and residences of all candidates whose nominations have been duly proposed hereunder for any office specified in the ballot, and not withdrawn in accordance herewith, and the office for which they have been severally proposed through the nomination papers filed as aforesaid, and shall contain no other names. The order of offices shall be the same as