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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

1947

Chapter 221

AN ACT Providing for a State Advisory Council on Personnel.

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

R. S., c. 59, § 4, sub-§ IX, additional. Section 4 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered IX, to read as follows:

'IX. The board shall have authority to select and appoint a state advisory council on personnel, to serve at the pleasure of the board, and consisting of representatives of the following groups—the governor, the executive council, the senate, the house of representatives, department heads, the employees' association, the budget, and the public. The principal function of this council shall be to act as a liaison between the particular agency or group they represent and the state personnel board, to the end that a better understanding and appreciation of the objectives of a real civil service system may be brought about; and as a result of such an understanding, to give counsel and advice to the state personnel board in relation to the over-all administration of the merit system in state government.

No member of said council shall receive per diem pay or salary, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses when called together for conferences with the state personnel board.

The council may select one of its members to act as chairman of the group, and arrange for such other internal organization as it may deem proper and for the best interests of the furtherance of the merit system principle.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 222

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Registers of Probate in Foreign Estates.

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

R. S., c. 140, § 42, amended. Section 42 of chapter 140 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 42. Fees of registers in case of foreign estates. When administration is granted on the estate of a person not a resident of the state, or the will of such person is proved, or administration is granted to a public

administrator, or a guardian is appointed for a non-resident minor, the register ~~shall have a reasonable compensation~~ shall be paid, for the use of the county, reasonable fees, to be fixed by the judge, for entering and filing the orders and decrees and for making the necessary records, to be paid by the executor, administrator, or guardian, and allowed to him in his account.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 223

AN ACT Relating to Assessment of Costs for Construction of Drains.

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

R. S., c. 84, § 136, amended. Section 136 of chapter 84 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 136. Expense of construction of drains, etc., how estimated and assessed. When any town has constructed and completed a public drain or common sewer, the municipal officers shall determine what lots or parcels of land are benefited by such drain or sewer, and shall estimate and assess upon such lots and parcels of land, and against the owner thereof, or person in possession, or against whom the taxes thereon shall be assessed, whether said person to whom the assessment is so made shall be the owner, tenant, lessee, or agent, and whether the same is occupied or not, such sum not exceeding such benefit as they may deem just and equitable towards defraying the expenses of constructing and completing such drain or sewer, together with such sewage disposal units and appurtenances as may be necessary, and constructed after the effective date of this act, the whole of such assessments not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of such drain or sewer and sewage disposal units, and such drain or sewer shall forever thereafter be maintained and kept in repair by such town. The municipal officers shall file with the clerk of the town the location of such drain or sewer and sewage disposal unit, with a profile description of the same, and a statement of the amount assessed upon each lot or parcel of land so assessed, and the name of the owner of such lots or parcels of land or person against whom said assessment shall be made, and the clerk of such town shall record the same in a book kept for that purpose, and within 10 days after filing such notice, each person so assessed shall be notified of such assessment by having an authentic copy of said assessment, with an order of notice signed by the clerk of said town, stating the time and place for a hearing upon the subject matter of said assessments, given to each person so assessed or left at his usual place of abode in said town; if