

### ACTS AND RESOLVES

#### AS PASSED BY THE

# Ninety-second and Ninety-third Legislatures

#### OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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## 1947

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in lot in S. half described in deed dated May 1, 1928, recorded in Aroostook Registry of Deeds, Northern District, book 129, page 12, in 17 R. 4 W. E. L. S., Aroostook county, containing 12 acres more or less, for the sum of \$57.08.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter 35

#### RESOLVE, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to John Westleigh of Mason.

State tax assessor authorized to convey certain lands. Resolved: That the state tax assessor be, and hereby is, authorized to convey to John Westleigh, of Mason, whatever interest the state has in W. part lot I, R. 11, in Albany township, Oxford county, containing 60 acres, more or less, for the sum of \$121.27.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter 36

## RESOLVE, Designating an Expiration Date for the Civilian Defense Act.

Expiration date of Civilian Defense Act, designated. Resolved: That in accordance with section 13 of chapter 305 of the public laws of 1941, "An Act to Create the Maine Civilian Defense Corps and Provide for the Safety of the State in Time of War," the day which is 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature is hereby designated as the date upon which said act shall cease to remain in force.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter 37

#### RESOLVE, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Additional Signers in Petitions for Referendum.

**Constitutional amendment.** Resolved: Two-thirds of each branch of the legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of this state is hereby proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, part third, § 17, amended. Section 17 of part third of Article IV of the constitution of the state is hereby amended to read as follows:

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'Sec. 17. Upon written petition of not less than 10,000 electors, the number of which shall not be less than 10% of the total vote for governor cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, and addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within 90 days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or part or parts thereof passed by the legislature, but not then in effect by reason of the provisions of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves or resolutions or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petition shall not take effect until 30 days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that the same have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election. As soon as it appears that the effect of any act, bill, resolve or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted on by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than 60 days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within 6 months thereafter the governor may, and if so requested in said written petition therefor, shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than 4 nor more than 6 months after his proclamation thereof.'

Form of question and date when amendment shall be voted upon. Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution, and the question shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature to provide for additional signers in petitions for referendum?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the constitution.

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#### ABOLISHING COMMISSION

#### **CHAP. 40**

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Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve accompanied by a copy thereof.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter 38

#### RESOLVE, Opening Northeast Pond in the Town of Hartford to Ice Fishing.

Northeast pond opened to ice fishing. Resolved: That the commissioner of inland fisheries and game be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to issue a rule and regulation to open Northeast pond in the town of Hartford, Oxford county, to ice fishing.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter 39

#### RESOLVE, Establishing the Opening Date for Open Water Fishing in Somerset County.

Establishing the opening date for open water fishing in Somerset county. Resolved: That the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to issue a rule and regulation establishing the opening time for open water fishing in Somerset county to be as soon as the ice is out after March 31st each year.

Effective August 13, 1947

#### Chapter '40

#### RESOLVE, Abolishing Commission for Promotion of International Good Will in Education.

Resolves, 1939, c. 44, repealed. Resolved: Chapter 44 of the resolves of 1939 is hereby repealed.

Effective August 13, 1947