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legally due this state or its said agencies. The officials of other states which extend a like comity to this state are empowered to sue for the collection of such taxes in the courts of this state. A certificate by the secretary of state, under the great seal of the state, that such officers have authority to collect the tax shall be conclusive evidence of such authority.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 132

AN ACT Relating to Illegal Marriage and Annulment Thereof.

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

R. S., c. 153, § 54, amended. Section 54 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 54. Issue of second marriage, when legitimate. When a marriage is annulled on account of a prior marriage, and the ~~parties~~ party who was capable of contracting the second marriage contracted the second marriage in good faith, believing that a prior husband or wife was dead, or that the former marriage was void, or that a divorce had been decreed leaving the party to the former marriage free to marry again, that fact shall be stated in the decree of nullity; and the issue of such second marriage, begotten before the commencement of the suit, is the legitimate issue of the parent capable of contracting.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 133

AN ACT Relating to Powers of Industrial or Morris Plan Banks.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 185, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 185 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. To borrow money, to lend money and discount notes and bills of exchange, including trade acceptances, and to deduct interest thereon in advance at a rate no greater than ~~8%~~ 12% annually; and in addition to receive uniform weekly, semi-monthly or monthly instalments on its certificates of indebtedness or deposit purchased by the borrower simul-

taneously with a loan transaction, or otherwise, and pledged with the corporation as security for the said loan, with or without an allowance of interest on such instalments.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 134

AN ACT to Establish and Define the Civil Liability of Radio Broadcasters Relative to Libel.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 31-A, additional. Chapter 117 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 31-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 31-A. Responsibility for libels by radio. A person shall be responsible for any libel published or uttered in or as a part of a visual or sound radio broadcast, unless he proves on trial that it was broadcast and published without his knowledge, consent or suspicion, and that by reasonable care and diligence he could not have prevented it.

In no event, however, shall any person be held liable for any damages for any defamatory statement uttered by another over the facilities of a visual or sound radio station or network by or on behalf of any candidate for public office, or in discussion of any matter referred to referendum, if such person shall have no power of censorship over the material broadcast.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 135

AN ACT Relating to Consignment of Fish, Lobsters and Shellfish.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, lobsters from Canada consigned to Maine dealers to be reconsigned to persons in other states are subject to seizure if not conforming to the laws of the state of Maine; and

Whereas, such lobsters would be shipped to other states via Maine by airplane or boat under the present law; and

Whereas, it is necessary that Maine people be allowed to transport such lobsters by truck into other states providing the provisions of this legislation are met; and