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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 8

AN ACT Relating to Election Returns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 4, § 29, amended. The 5th sentence of section 29 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: 'Returns shall be ~~attested~~ signed by the selectmen and attested by the town clerk, in towns, and signed by the assessors and attested by the clerk in plantations, in like manner as at the biennial election for governor.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 4, § 29, amended. The 7th sentence of section 29 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'In cities, the warden shall preside, as required by law at state elections, receive the votes of all qualified voters present, and, as herein required in case of town meetings, sort, count and declare the result in open ward meeting, and in the presence of the ward clerk, who shall make return and record thereof, as in towns, and a fair copy of the record shall be ~~attested~~ signed by the warden and attested by the ward clerk, sealed up in open ward meeting and delivered to the city clerk within 24 hours after the closing of the polls.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 5, § 43, amended. Section 43 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 43. Clerk to transmit returns of votes to secretary of state. The clerk of each town shall cause to be delivered at the office of the secretary of state the returns of votes given in his town for governor, senators, representatives to the legislature, United States senators, representatives to congress, presidential electors, and county officers, within 3 days next succeeding any meeting for their election, or shall deposit them, postpaid, in some post office, directed to the secretary of state, within 24 hours after such meeting, to be transmitted by mail; ~~and shall also forward to that office, as soon as practicable, a statement attested by him of the number of votes for the several officers, given at such election in his town, which.~~ The returns shall be opened and filed by the secretary of state, and kept for public examination.'

Effective August 30, 1951

Chapter 9

AN ACT Relating to Neglected Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 153, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by repealing the last sentence thereof.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 153, § 30, amended. Section 30 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 30. Complainant not to settle with the father if the town objects in writing. No woman, whose accusation and examination on oath have been taken by a justice of the peace at her request, shall make a settlement with the father, or give him any discharge to bar or affect such complaint, if objected to in writing by the overseers of the poor of the town interested in her support or the child's.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 10

AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Refusal to Work by Persons Dependent upon Towns.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

'Any person who refuses without lawful excuse to perform the employment directed by the town shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$20, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, for each offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 11

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 5-A, amended. The 1st sentence of section 5-A of chapter 44 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 102 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any such certificate may be assigned and transferred, with the approval and consent of the commission but not otherwise, ~~or~~ by the holder or the personal representatives of said holder to whom the rights and privileges under said certificate shall pass at the death of said holder.'

Effective August 20, 1951