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AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 63

AN ACT Relating to Number of Signatures on Certain Nomination Papers.

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

R. S., c. 4, § 53, amended. The 1st sentence of section 53 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Nominations of candidates for any offices to be filled by the voters of the state at large may be made by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by ~~not less than 1,000~~ qualified voters of the state, the number of which shall not be less than 1% of the total vote for governor cast in the last gubernatorial election next preceding.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 64

AN ACT Relating to Suspension and Revocation of Liquor Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 57, § 22-E, amended. The 5th sentence of section 22-E of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 259 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 57, § 46, amended. The last sentence of section 46 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Upon the revocation, for a 3-year period or more, of the license of any licensee in this section mentioned, the attorney-general shall bring an action of debt in any county in the state, upon the bond given by such licensee, to recover the penal sum thereof as liquidated damages.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 57, § 60, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 60 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'The commission may suspend or revoke licenses as hereinafter provided. Except as provided by paragraph N of subsection II, suspensions must be for a definite period of time. If the commission revokes a license they shall

specify that no license shall issue to the person whose license is revoked for a period of not less than 1 nor more than 5 years from the date of such revocation.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 65

AN ACT Relating to Insects and Diseases of Trees.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, §§ 131, 137, 138, 139, repealed. Sections 131, 137, 138 and 139 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, §§ 16-A - 16-H, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 8 new sections to be numbered 16-A to 16-H, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Insects and Diseases of Trees

Sec. 16-A. Survey work. The state entomologist or his agents, under the supervision of the forest commissioner, may go on any lands for the purpose of surveying and inspecting any shade, ornamental and forest trees whenever he may suspect that any dangerous native or exotic insect or disease may be present, and may do any work involved in ascertaining the presence of such organisms. If the survey work requires the placing of so called "trap" material on developed lands in incorporated areas he must first notify the owner of his plans.

Sec. 16-B. Information and recommendations. If sufficient problem is found resulting from any insect or disease attack on trees, the state entomologist or his agents, under the supervision of the forest commissioner, shall give this information to the owner of the land involved, and to the municipal officials if in a municipality. He or his agents may or shall upon request also make recommendations to landowners and municipal officials if further inspection or control work is needed. This will include information on life cycles or phases of the insect or disease.

Sec. 16-C. Control measures. Any public agency or group of owners carrying on or planning a control project may appeal to the forest commissioner for permission to carry out the project, in case the owner or owners of property in or adjacent to the control area refuses to do control work or