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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

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license for cooking garbage has been issued, without satisfactorily passing veterinary inspection at the owner's expense within 24 hours previous to the time of removal.

A special permit shall be required from the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent for such removal, and shall be granted only for animals for immediate slaughter or to other garbage feeders.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, to carry out the provisions of this act. This appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 8, 1953

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## Chapter 398

### AN ACT Relating to Administration of the Highway Commission.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 20, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Commission; appointment; tenure; choice of chairman; attorney-general attorney for commission; annual reports. The state highway commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. One member shall be a member of the political party which cast the 2nd highest number of votes in the last gubernatorial election. One member shall be appointed by the governor as chairman who shall devote each full working day to his duties and whose salary shall be fixed by the governor and council. The term of office of the chairman shall be 7 years, subject only to removal for cause. The other members of the commission shall receive \$4,000 per year and shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Each member of the commission, except the chairman, shall receive his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties while away from his home. The attorney-general shall be attorney for the commission and shall, without

additional compensation, give the commission such advice and service as it may from time to time require. The commission shall be furnished with suitable offices at the seat of government. It shall make an annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, to the governor and council, of its doings and the expenditures of its office, with such statement relative to the construction and maintenance of public highways and such recommendations as to the general policy of the state relative thereto as it considers appropriate. The chairman shall be the chief administrative officer, having general charge of the office and records, but all policy decisions of the commission must be by a majority of its total membership.'

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall become effective either at the expiration of the term of office of whomever may be chairman of the highway commission on the date of approval of this act or upon a vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise in the office of chairman of the highway commission, whichever is sooner.

Sec. 3. **Intent.** It is the intent of the legislature that this act shall in no way affect the present tenure of office of the present members of the highway commission.

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 399

### AN ACT Relating to Evidence of Offenses Before Grand Jury.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:

'Evidence relating to offenses cognizable by the court may be offered to the grand jury by the attorney-general, the county attorney, the assistant county attorney, and at the discretion of the presiding justice, by such other persons as said presiding justice may permit.'

Effective August 8, 1953