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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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CHAP. 140

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL, 1953

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 12, § 3, amended. The last sentence of section 3 of chapter 12 of the private and special laws of 1941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Trial justices are hereby deprived of jurisdiction over any and all criminal offenses committed within said city ~~except in case of vacancy in both the office of judge and recorder of this court.~~

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 12, § 9, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 9 of chapter 12 of the private and special laws of 1941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whenever said judge shall be unable for any reason to hold court or the office of the judge shall be vacant said recorder shall have and exercise the same powers and perform the same duties as the judge is authorized to perform in the transaction of criminal business including trial of cases within the jurisdiction of said court and the binding over or discharge of respondents charged with felonies and may sign all necessary processes as recorder acting in the absence of the judge. Whenever the judge is absent or unable to attend any civil term of said court the recorder may receive and enter any civil actions, receive and file pleas, motions or other papers and enter up judgments in defaulted actions and may adjourn the court to the next term or to such time as the judge may be able to attend. ~~If the judge and recorder are both necessarily absent the judge may designate in writing some trial justice in said county to attend and perform the duties of the recorder until such time as the recorder is able to attend, and if the judge should not so designate a trial justice the recorder may so designate one.~~

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 140

AN ACT Relating to the Title and Powers of "Recorders of Municipal Courts."

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

Sec. 1. Powers of recorders of municipal courts. From and after the effective date of this act, all recorders of municipal courts shall, in case of the absence, sickness, or disqualification of the judge of their court, or in the event of a vacancy of the office of said judge, or at any other time at the request of said judge in order to expedite business, shall have the same powers as said judge, and shall be ex officio justices of the peace.

Sec. 2. Amending clause. All municipal court charters and provisions of statutes are hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this act.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 141

AN ACT Providing for Maintenance of Road Leading to Baxter State Park.

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

Maintenance of road leading to Baxter State Park. The state highway commission is hereby authorized and directed to expend on the road starting at Shin Pond and continuing in a northerly direction towards Baxter State Park to Mt. Chase plantation line, a distance of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, as much as shall be deemed necessary for its maintenance but not to exceed \$500 per year.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 142

AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of Commissioners for the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Saco.

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

Sec. 1. Organization. The police department of the city of Saco shall consist of a city marshal who shall also be the chief of police, and patrolmen to the number determined by the city council of the city of Saco.

The fire department shall consist of a fire chief, permanent firemen and call men to the number determined by the city council of the city of Saco.

Sec. 2. Board of commissioners for the police and fire departments. A board of commissioners for the police and fire departments, consisting of 3 resident citizens of the city of Saco, shall be appointed by the city council of said city as soon as may be convenient after this act shall take effect. In the first instance, 1 shall be appointed for 3 years, 1 for 2 years and 1 for 1 year. At the expiration of each of said terms, a commissioner shall be appointed for a full term of 3 years. In case of any vacancy in said board,