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AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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least 6 days previous to the day of election unless the town shall by vote establish a different filing date.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 27

AN ACT Relating to Roadside Picnic Areas.

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

R. S., c. 23, § 97, amended. Section 97 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 97. Construction and maintenance of picnic areas, etc. The Commission is authorized to construct along state and state aid highways roadside picnic areas, roadside springs, scenic turnouts or other landscaping where in the opinion of the State Highway Commission it may seem advisable and place distinguishing signs upon the same; and the Commission is further authorized to use for the maintenance of the same such funds as are now available for maintenance of state and state aid highways. ~~The cost of constructing any one such project shall not exceed \$600, except that not more than a such projects may be constructed in any 1 year at a cost of not more than \$1,000 each.~~

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 28

AN ACT Relating to Embezzling by Certain Public Officers.

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

R. S., c. 132, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Prosecutions for embezzling, or fraudulently converting money, etc., by cashier or other officer. In prosecutions for embezzling, fraudulently converting to one's own use, or taking and secreting with intent so to embezzle or fraudulently convert, the bullion, money, notes, bank notes, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, obligations or other securities for money, of any person, bank, incorporated company or, copartnership, municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, public officer or tax collector, by a cashier or other officer, clerk, agent or servant of such person, bank, incorporated company or, copartnership, municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, public officer or tax collector, or by such public officer or tax collector, it is sufficient to allege generally in the indictment an embezzlement, fraudulent conversion or taking with such intent, of money to a certain amount, without specifying any particulars of such embezzlement; and at the trial, evidence may be given of such embezzlement, fraudulent conversion or taking with such intent, committed within 6 months before the time stated in the indictment; and it is sufficient to maintain the charge in the indictment, and is not a variance, if it is proved that any bullion, money, note, bank note, check, draft, bill of exchange or other security for money, of such

person, bank, incorporated company or, copartnership, municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, public officer or tax collector, of whatever amount, was fraudulently embezzled, converted or taken with such intent by such cashier or other officer, clerk, servant or, agent, public officer or tax collector, within such period of 6 months.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 29

AN ACT Relating to Forgery of Motor Vehicle Operator's License or Registration Certificate.

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

R. S., c. 133, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 133 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Forgery, definition. Whoever, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges or counterfeits any public record or proceeding filed or entered in any court; or process issued, or purporting to be issued by a competent court, magistrate or officer; or attestation or certificate of any person required by law or receivable as legal proof in relation to any matter; or any charter, deed, will, testament, bond, writing obligatory, power of attorney, letter of credit, policy of insurance, bill of lading, bill of exchange, promissory note, order or acceptance, or indorsement or assignment thereof, or of any debt or contract; or acquittance, discharge or accountable receipt for anything of value; or a motor vehicle operator's license or registration certificate; or any other written instrument of another, or purporting to be such, by which any pecuniary demand or obligation or any right in any property is or purports to be created, increased, conveyed, transferred, diminished or discharged; and whoever utters and publishes as true any instrument before-mentioned, knowing it to be false, forged or counterfeit, with like intent, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 10 years.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 30

AN ACT Relating to Delinquent Election Returns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 43, amended. Section 43 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 43. Secretary of State to send messenger for returns or ballots; expense of messenger, how paid. At the expiration of 14 days after any election specified in the preceding section, the Secretary of State shall forthwith send a messenger to every town from which returns of votes have not been received, as provided in the preceding section, and the expense of each messenger shall be audited and paid as provided in section 79 and added to the next state tax assessed on the town.'