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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 79, amended. Section 79 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 79. Expense of sending for returns to be paid by State. The expense of each messenger sent as required by the preceding section shall be audited and allowed by the Governor and Council, and paid out of the State Treasury; ~~and unless they are of opinion that the officers of any delinquent town have fully performed their duties in making the required returns, the amount so paid shall be added to the next state tax assessed on such town;~~ but if the same messenger is sent to two or more towns on the same route, the amount to be paid by each of them shall be apportioned by the Governor and Council according to their relative distances and the expense of traveling. If the Governor and Council determine that the officers of any delinquent town have not fully performed their duties in making the required returns, the amount so paid shall be repaid the State by such town. Such town shall be precluded from drawing from the State Treasury any funds set apart for such town so long as such amount remains unpaid.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 31

### AN ACT Relating to Use of Life Rafts by Certain Boats.

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

R. S., c. 49, § 10, amended. The first paragraph of section 10 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every vessel more than 30 feet in length, measured from end to end along deck, excluding sheer, subject to registration, shall have at least 1 substantial boat, with life lines attached, properly supplied with oars, kept tight and in good condition at all times and ready for immediate use. In addition thereto, such other boats or life rafts shall be carried as the Commission, on account of the route or the number of passengers, may deem requisite. It shall be the duty of the master of such vessel to exercise and discipline his crew in the launching, use and management of the boats and life rafts until they become skillful boatmen. The Commission may make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, designating what boats or life rafts, if any, shall be carried by vessels less than 30 feet in length.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 32

### AN ACT Relating to Salary and Bond of Treasurer of Community School District.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 114, amended. Section 114 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows: