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establishment of the tax rate, the assessors receive certification from the municipal officers that such a donation has been received and paid in to the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax commitment, the assessors shall forthwith credit the one or more specific appropriations with the money received, in accordance with the instructions of the donor, and thus reduce the total commitment, before proceeding to establish the tax rate. The word "person" as used in this section shall be construed to import both the singular and plural, as the case demands, and shall include corporations, companies, societies, associations and charitable, benevolent and civic improvement trusts. This section shall not be so construed as to exclude cities and towns from accepting donations and gifts of any other character.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 190

AN ACT Creating Voting Places for Indians.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 65-A, additional. Chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 65-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 65-A. Voting places for Indians. The municipal officers of the city of Old Town are directed to establish a voting place on Indian Island in the county of Penobscot to be designated, "Old Town Indian Island Voting District," at which polling place all Indians residing on the Indian Island tribal reservation and otherwise qualified in accordance with section 1 of article II of the Maine Constitution shall vote in all State, county and national elections, including primary elections. A warden, ward clerk and as many election clerks, not less than 2 in number as said municipal officers may deem necessary, shall be selected for said Old Town Indian Island Voting District in the same manner as the warden, ward clerk and election clerks are selected for the several wards in the city of Old Town.

The municipal officers of the town of Princeton are directed to establish a voting place at Peter Dana Point in Indian Township in the county of Washington to be designated, "Peter Dana Point Voting District," at which polling place all Indians residing on the tribal reservation at Peter Dana Point and otherwise qualified in accordance with section 1 of article II of the Maine Constitution shall vote in all State, county and national elections, including primary elections. A warden, who shall be a resident of the town of Princeton, shall be appointed by the municipal officers of said town to act as the presiding officer at said Peter Dana Point Voting District. Two election clerks, who shall be residents of the town of Princeton, shall be appointed by the selectmen in the same manner as provided in section 14.

The municipal officers of the town of Perry are directed to establish a voting place at Pleasant Point in the town of Perry and county of Washington to be designated, "Pleasant Point Voting District," at which polling place all Indians residing on the tribal reservation at Pleasant Point and otherwise qualified in accordance with section 1 of article II of the Maine Constitution shall vote in all State, county and national elections, including primary elections. A warden, who shall be a resident of the town of Perry, shall be appointed by the municipal

officers of said town to act as the presiding officer at said Pleasant Point Voting District. Two election clerks, who shall be residents of the town of Perry, shall be appointed by the selectmen in the same manner as provided in section 14.

The Secretary of State shall furnish ballots and blank returns for said voting districts in accordance with the provisions of chapters 4 and 5. The ballots shall be sorted and counted and the return of the vote made to the city and town clerks in accordance with the provisions of section 39.

Election officials appointed to serve at the polling places hereby created shall be paid by the city of Old Town and towns of Princeton and Perry. They shall be paid at the same rate of compensation received by officials performing similar duties at the regularly established polling places in such municipalities. The city of Old Town and the towns of Princeton and Perry shall be reimbursed by the State from funds appropriated for support of the Indian tribes.

The fact that any Indian receives relief funds directly or indirectly from the State or any municipality shall not operate to give such Indian the status of a pauper so that he shall be denied on that account the right to vote.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 191

AN ACT Providing for Excise Tax on House Trailers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 51-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 51-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 51-A. Annual excise tax on house trailers. An excise tax shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating a house trailer upon the public ways. This excise tax shall be levied as follows: a sum equal to 20 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the 1st or current year of model, 16 mills for the 2nd year, 12 mills for the 3rd year, 10 mills for the 4th year, 8 mills for the 5th year, 6 mills for the 6th year, and 4 mills for the 7th and succeeding years; provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same trailer the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the trailer was in the next year of model.

The excise tax herein provided for shall be paid in the place where the trailer is located, if paid prior to April 1; or in the place where the trailer was located on April 1 if paid on or after April 1; provided, however, that the excise tax must be paid before property taxes for the year in question are committed to the collector, otherwise the owner shall be subject to a personal property tax. In case a personal property tax is paid and later registration on a house trailer is desired, the Secretary of State shall accept the personal property tax receipt in lieu of an excise tax receipt.

The excise tax herein provided shall not apply to any house trailer that is properly taxable as real estate.