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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.

Any house trailer owner who has paid the excise tax on his house trailer as provided for herein shall be exempt from further or other taxation for that year on said house trailer.

This excise tax on house trailers shall be subject to the same provisions and exemptions as apply to motor vehicles in sections 52 to 59, inclusive, which can be applied to such trailers.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 16, sub-§ III, amended. The next to the last paragraph of subsection III of section 16 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No registration or license shall be granted to the owner of a house trailer ~~or camp trailer of the covered wagon type~~ until he shall present a receipt or certificate that the excise tax or the personal property tax assessed on said trailer has been paid for the current year ~~preceding that for which the registration or license is applied for~~, or written evidence from the taxing authority of that city or town that he was legally exempted therefrom or that the tax has been abated.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 192

AN ACT Permitting Re-opening of Examinations for State Employment by Disabled Veterans.

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

R. S., c. 63, § 17-A, additional. Chapter 63 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 17-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 17-A. Reopen open competitive examinations. Veterans with the present existence of a service-connected disability to a compensable degree, wives of disabled veterans who qualify for 10 points preference under paragraph B of subsection II of section 17, unmarried widows of deceased veterans who qualify for 10 points preference under paragraph C of subsection II of section 17 and mothers (who are widowed, divorced, separated or whose husbands are permanently and totally disabled) of veterans who died while in the active service of the armed forces during any war, or who died as the result of service-connected disabilities, may file an application for and reopen an open competitive examination during the life of an eligible register resulting from a published announcement. If no eligible register resulted from a published announcement, applicants as above qualified may file an application for and reopen an open competitive examination within 3 years of the closing date of the published announcement, provided in all instances that the applicant had not previously made application for the examination under conditions of the published announcement. In the event positions in the classified service are held other than by permanent or probationary employees, applicants as above qualified may file application for an examination to be announced and opened. Examinations shall be conducted for such applicants not later than the quarterly period succeeding that in which the application has been filed with the Maine State Department of Personnel.'

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