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AS PASSED BY THE

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for the use of his car. This condition is not applicable to loads of 4,000 pounds or less. Explosives referred to herein shall not include petroleum products.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 202

AN ACT Relating to Public Hearings for Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 61, amended. Section 61 of chapter 44 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'Whenever any public utility, except a common carrier or carrier of persons or property for hire, has been notified by the Commission that a public hearing will be held as provided in section 35 or section 57 and it appears to the Commission that reasonable publicity has not or will not be given, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the time and place of said hearing and the general nature thereof, the Commission, in its discretion, may, by written notice to such public utility, require it to give such reasonable notice as the Commission shall specify of the time and place of such public hearing to each of the subscribers affected or to be affected by such rates or service and to file at the same time in the office of the clerk of the municipalities wherein such subscribers reside such pertinent information as the Commission may prescribe as to rates and services involved, including schedules of any proposed rates. Such notice by said public utility shall be given by first class mail and shall include a statement that such pertinent information as to such rates or service is on file in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein such subscriber resides. Nothing in this section shall relieve such utility from the provisions of section 31.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 203

AN ACT Relating to Trial Terms in Knox and Oxford Counties.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 106, § 11, sub-§§ VII and IX, amended. Subsections VII and IX of section 11 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'VII. Knox. At Rockland on the 2nd Tuesday of February and the 1st Tuesdays of May and ~~November~~ October.'

'IX. Oxford. At Rumford on the 1st Tuesday of ~~March~~ February, and at Paris on the 1st Tuesday of ~~November~~ October and on the 2nd Tuesday of ~~June~~ May.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 1956.

Effective January 1, 1956

Chapter 204

AN ACT Relating to Time of Preserving Ballots and Check Lists as Public Records.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 25, amended. Section 25 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 25. Clerks to preserve check lists, and furnish certified copies thereof. Clerks of towns shall preserve the check lists used at any election at which the ballots cast are to be returned to the secretary of state under the provisions of this chapter for 1 year without alteration, and shall furnish to any person a certified copy thereof within 20 days after demand and payment or tender of the legal charges therefor, and shall without charge furnish the Governor and Council with a certified copy thereof within 20 days after demand, under the penalty provided in section 96.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 39, amended. The next to the last sentence of section 39 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The ballots ~~check lists~~ and signed statements of officials returned to the city clerk after any city election and all other ballots returned to him shall be preserved by him as a public record for 6 3 months.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 205

AN ACT Relating to Use of Dealer or Transit Motor Vehicle Registration Plates.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 27, sub-§ V, additional. Section 27 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered V, to read as follows:

'V. On proof that dealer or manufacturer or holder of a transit registration plate has used or permitted the use of his dealer or transit registration plate on a motor vehicle not owned by the dealer or the holder of a transit registration plate or has issued or permitted the issuance of his temporary plate for use on motor vehicles not sold by the dealer, manufacturer or holder of a transit registration plate. The use of any such plate on any vehicle shall be prima facie evidence that such use was permitted by the dealer or transit plate holder.'