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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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

Effective January 1, 1956

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## 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

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## 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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The State Police are authorized to investigate the use of dealer or transit registration plates and shall report their findings from time to time to the dealer registration board.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 206

### AN ACT Relating to Dumping Rubbish and Bottles on Highways from Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 137, § 30, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 30 of chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No person, firm or corporation shall throw, place or cause to be placed any waste material, bottles, rubbish or garbage of any nature within the limits of the right-of-way of any public highway; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the proper use of the right-of-way for highway purposes. If such throwing or placing was done from a motor vehicle, it shall be prima facie evidence that the throwing or placing was by the driver of such motor vehicle.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 137, § 31, amended. Section 31 of chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 31. Throwing of bottles, etc., on highways. Whoever throws or deposits on any public way or on land within the bounds of such way any bottles or metal cans, except in proper containers placed for rubbish collection and removal, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 \$50. If such throwing or depositing was done from a motor vehicle, it shall be prima facie evidence that the throwing or depositing was by the driver of the motor vehicle.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 207

### AN ACT Regulating Closing-Out Sales and Similar Types of Sales.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, §§ 79-A - 79-D, additional. Chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 79-A to 79-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

#### 'Closing-out Sales.

Sec. 79-A. License required to conduct closing-out sales, and requirements for obtaining. No person or persons shall offer for sale a stock of goods, wares