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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Whereas, the following legislation is wholly necessary for the protection of human life; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 137, § 18-A, additional. Chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 18-A, to read as follows:

‘Electric Fences.

Sec. 18-A. Use of electrical fences. No person or individual shall sell, utilize, install or have installed within this State, equipment, devices or methods whereby fence wires may be energized with electricity unless a standard type of controller is used, which has the approval of the Underwriter’s Laboratories and carries such label thereon or has the approved listing of the Department of Industrial Cooperation at the University of Maine.

Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.’

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 25, 1955

Chapter 264

AN ACT Relating to Use of Photostatic Reproductions.

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

R. S., c. 113, § 146, repealed and replaced. Section 146 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 146. Photostatic and microfilm reproductions admissible. If any business, institution, bank, trust company, member of a profession or calling, or any department or agency of government, in the regular course of his or its business or activity has kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of his or its business or activity has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, such reproduction, or copy, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such repro-

duction or copy is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction or copy is in existence and available for inspection under direction of court. The introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile does not preclude admission of the original. This section shall not be construed to exclude from evidence any document or copy thereof which is otherwise admissible under the rules of evidence.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 265

AN ACT Relating to Zoning in Village Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 91, § 99-A, additional. Chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 99-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 99-A. Application. The provisions of sections 93 to 99, inclusive, shall apply to village corporations and the inhabitants thereof shall have the same powers and duties under said sections as inhabitants of towns. In the event of a conflict between the zoning provisions of a village corporation and zoning provisions of the town of which the village corporation is a part, the zoning provisions of the village corporation shall prevail within the geographical limits of the village corporation.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 266

AN ACT Increasing Salaries of Certain County Officials of Franklin County.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 89, § 98, amended. That part of section 98 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, which relates to the salary of the clerk of courts of Franklin county, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Franklin, ~~\$2,000~~ \$2,100.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 89, § 130, amended. That part of section 130 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, which relates to the salary of treasurer of Franklin county, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Franklin, ~~\$900~~ \$1,000.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 89, § 149, amended. That part of section 149 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, which relates to the salary of the sheriff of Franklin county, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Franklin, ~~\$2,200~~ \$2,400.'