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Chapter 282

AN ACT to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

R. S., c. 31, § 2, sub-§ II, amended. The 1st 2 lines of subsection II of section 2 of chapter 31 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'"Employee" shall include officials of the State, counties, cities, towns which have accepted the provisions of this act, water districts and all other quasi-municipal corporations of a similar character and every person in the service of another under any contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written, except.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 283

AN ACT Relating to Registers of Probate Pro Tempore.

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

R. S., c. 153, § 27, repealed and replaced. Section 27 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 27. Register pro tempore. In case of the absence of the register or in case of a vacancy in the office of the register of probate due to death, resignation or any other cause, the judge shall appoint a suitable person to act as register until the register resumes his duties or another is qualified in his stead. He shall be sworn and, if the judge requires it, give bond as in the case of the register.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 284

AN ACT Relating to Rights and Stock Options of Stockholders.

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

R. S., c. 53, § 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 19. Issue of stock for property and services. Any corporation may purchase mines, manufactories and other property necessary for its business and the stock of any company or companies owning, mining, manufacturing or producing materials or other property necessary for its business, and issue stock to the amount of the value thereof in payment therefor, and may likewise issue stock for services rendered to such corporation and the stock so issued shall be fully

paid stock and not liable to any further call or payment thereon, and may create and issue rights or options entitling the holders thereof to purchase from the corporation any shares of its stock for such consideration not less than par and, in the case of stock having no par value, in accordance with the provisions of section 20 hereof, upon such conditions as the stockholders or the directors, acting under authority granted by the stockholders, may prescribe; and in the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the judgment of the directors as to the value of the property purchased, ~~or~~ services rendered and rights or options granted, shall be conclusive.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 285

AN ACT Relating to Criminal Appeal Cases in Cumberland County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the criminal dockets of the courts of Cumberland County are congested; and

Whereas, it is necessary that all pending litigation may be administered and acted upon in an orderly, efficient and prompt manner; and

Whereas, the following legislation is wholly necessary to aid in adjudicating pending litigation for the benefit of the litigants; 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. 106, § 11, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 11 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. **Cumberland:** At Portland on the 1st Tuesday of every month except July and August; but the criminal business of said county shall be transacted at the terms held on the 1st Tuesdays of January, May and September, together with civil business. The January, May and September terms of said court may be kept open for criminal business after their final adjournment for civil business for such time as the presiding justice may deem expedient, provided that they shall be finally adjourned at least 7 days before the convening of the next succeeding term in which criminal business may be done and all business having to do with criminal appeal cases and pending indictments may be transacted at Portland on the 1st Tuesday of every month except July and August; and criminal appeal cases from municipal courts and trial justice courts in Cumberland County may be appealed or bailed to the next term of Cumberland County Superior Court at Portland.'

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

Effective April 25, 1955