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AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 307

AN ACT Relating to Fees of Town Clerks in Recording Copies of Instruments.

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

R. S., c. 91, § 28, amended. The 3rd paragraph from the end of section 28 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The clerks shall receive for receiving and recording any instrument by law entitled to be recorded, including any assignment attached thereto or made a part thereof and executed before record and received with such instrument, the sum of ~~\$1~~ \$1.50 for the first 500 words and the sum of ~~25c~~ 50c for each 100 words or fraction thereof in excess of 500 words; provided, however, if the instrument to be recorded does not exceed in length 250 words, the fee for recording the same shall be 50c clerk is furnished a copy of the instrument, such copy to be suitable for filing in the town records, the fee therefor shall be \$1.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 308

AN ACT Relating to Execution for Attorney's Fees in Divorce Proceedings.

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

R. S., c. 166, § 64, amended. Section 64 of chapter 166 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the 1st sentence thereof, the following sentence:

'Execution for attorney's fees shall not issue until the libel for divorce has been heard.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 309

AN ACT Relating to Assaults on Officers by Convicts.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 42, amended. Section 42 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 42. **Convict assaulting officers; escape; prosecution.** If a convict, sentenced to the State Prison for life or for a limited term of years, assaults any officer or other person employed in the government thereof, or breaks or escapes therefrom, or forcibly attempts to do so, he may, at the discretion of the court, be punished by confinement to hard labor for any term of years, to commence after the completion of his former sentence. The warden shall certify the fact

of a violation of the foregoing provisions to the county attorney for the county of Knox, who shall prosecute such convict therefor.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 310

AN ACT Relating to Possession of Firearms by Felons.

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

R. S., c. 144, §§ 12-A - 12-C, additional. Chapter 144 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 12-A to 12-C, to read as follows:

'Possession of Firearms by Felons.

Sec. 12-A. Possession of firearms by felons prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States or of the State of Maine, or of any other State, to have in his possession any pistol, revolver or any other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person. Anyone violating any of the provisions of sections 12-A to 12-C, inclusive, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 5 years.

Sec. 12-B. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in sections 12-A to 12-C, inclusive, are defined as follows:

"Pistol," "revolver" and "firearm" mean a weapon capable of being concealed upon the person and shall include all firearms having a barrel of less than 12 inches in length.

Sec. 12-C. Application. The penal provisions of section 12-A shall not apply to any person commissioned as a peace officer, employed as a guard or watchman nor to any person who has not been convicted of a penal offense during the 5-year period next immediately following his discharge or release from prison.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 311

AN ACT Relating to Service of Process on Nonresidents Operating Aircraft.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 70, amended. The 1st sentence of section 70 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The acceptance by a person who is a resident of any other state or country of the rights and privileges conferred by this chapter as evidenced by the operation, by himself or agent, of a motor vehicle thereunder, or the operation by such a