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AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 322

AN ACT Relating to Evidence of Intoxication.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 150, amended. Section 150 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 2nd sentence thereof a new sentence, to read as follows:

'The court may admit evidence of the percentage by weight of alcohol in the defendant's blood at the time alleged, as shown by a chemical analysis of his breath.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 323

AN ACT Relating to Rules and Blanks of the Courts of Probate.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 153, § 50, repealed and replaced. Section 50 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 50. Rules of practice and procedure; blanks; revision of rules and blanks; approval. The rules of practice and procedure in the courts of probate and insolvency, approved by a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court June 17, 1916, and as thereafter revised and approved, are in force in all courts of probate and insolvency; and the blanks for use in said courts approved by the Supreme Judicial Court September 30, 1916, and as thereafter revised and approved, shall be used in all courts of probate and insolvency, and no other blanks shall be used therein. The Governor shall appoint a Commission on Probate Rules and Blanks consisting of 3 Judges and 2 Registers of Probate. Each member of the Commission shall serve for 4 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but membership on the Commission shall terminate when he ceases to be a judge or register of probate. The Commission may make new rules and blanks or amendments to existing rules and blanks as changes in statutes or convenience requires. Such new rules and blanks or amended rules and blanks shall, when approved by the Supreme Judicial Court or a majority of the Justices thereof, take effect and be in force in all courts of probate and insolvency.'

The Commission shall elect a chairman and a secretary, and shall receive no compensation for meetings of the Commission but shall be reimbursed for their necessary traveling expenses. Compensation for services rendered by the secretary by direction of the Commission and necessary clerical assistance and expense of printing reports of the Commission shall be paid from any appropriation made therefor.'

Sec. 2. Application. The members of the present Commission appointed by the Governor as provided by Section 50 of Chapter 153 of the Revised Statutes

shall constitute the first Commission under the statutes, as amended by this act, and shall continue as members of the Commission through December 31, 1956.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 324

AN ACT to Increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Somerset County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 215, amended. That part of section 215 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the register of deeds of Somerset county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Somerset, ~~\$2,900~~ \$3,400.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 325

AN ACT Relating to Membership on State Soil Conservation Committee.

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

R. S., c. 34, § 3, sub-§ I, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection I of section 3 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'It shall consist of the following 5 members: the ~~Director of the State Agricultural Extension Service~~ ~~Dean of the College of Agriculture~~ and the ~~Director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station~~ ~~State Commissioner of Agriculture~~, who shall serve ex officio; and 3 farmers who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council in the following manner: 1 from a list of 3 names submitted by the executive committee of the State Grange, 1 from a list of 3 names submitted by the executive committee of the ~~State Maine Farm Bureau Federation Association~~ and 1 from a list of 3 names submitted by the ~~Commissioner of Agriculture~~ ~~Maine State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.~~'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 326

AN ACT Relating to Records of Unattended Deaths and Injection of Embalming Fluids Under Medical Examiner's Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 89, § 244, amended. Section 244 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: