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widow, or, if none, his minor child or children, shall receive a pension equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pay of such sheriff or deputy sheriff at the time of his death, but in no case shall such pension be less than \$1,000. Such pension shall be paid to the widow until she dies or remarries and to a child or children until they die or reach the age of 18 years.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 89, § 173-A, additional. Chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 173-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 173-A. Pensions for dependents. If a sheriff or deputy sheriff shall die as a result of injury received in line of duty, except while engaged in the duty of serving civil process, his widow, or, if none, his minor child or children, shall receive a pension equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pay of such sheriff or deputy sheriff at the time of his death, but in no case shall such pension be less than \$1,000. Such pension shall be paid to the widow until she dies or remarries and to a child or children until they die or reach the age of 18 years. The provisions of this section shall apply to deputy sheriffs who are not employed at regular salaries.

The county commissioners of each county are authorized and directed to pay such pensions from county funds.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 363

AN ACT Relating to Delivery of Motor Vehicles Sold by State on Bids.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 38-A, additional. Chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 38-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 38-A. Motor vehicles sold by State. Any motor vehicle sold by the State shall be sold to the highest bidder. Specific terms of delivery and terms of interim usage prior to delivery shall be stated to the prospective purchasers prior to the time that the State accepts any bid, and such terms shall be complied with by agents or employees of the State having control of the disposition of such motor vehicle or vehicles after any such bids have been accepted. This section shall not apply to exchange of motor vehicles for new models between the State and authorized dealers.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 364

AN ACT Relating to Bartlett's Island as a Game Preserve.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, deer and other wild animals are being slaughtered on Bartlett's Island in Hancock County to the detriment and peril of the people of Hancock County; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to preserve our wild animals; 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. 37, § 149, amended. Section 149 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in alphabetical order the following paragraph:

'Bartlett's Island: No person shall at any time hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild bird or wild animal on Bartlett's Island, in the county of Hancock.'

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

Effective May 17, 1955

Chapter 365

AN ACT Relating to School Age in Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 44, repealed and replaced. Section 44 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 44. School age; kindergartens. In the public schools of the State only those children who are or will become 6 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted to grade one.

In schools which offer a one-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted.

In schools which offer a two-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 4 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted. All children who have been enrolled in one or more years of childhood education programs prior to grade one before the effective date of this act shall be allowed to continue regular advancement notwithstanding the provisions of this act.

Subject to the foregoing provisions and further subject to such reasonable regulations as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe, every person between the ages of 5 and 21 shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has residence. Residence as used in this section shall mean the city or town where the father maintains a home for his family. If the parents of the child are separated, residency shall be considered to be the town where the person having custody of the child maintains his or her home.'

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

Effective July 1, 1956