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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 51. R. S., c. 116, § 5, amended. The 3rd, 4th and 5th sentences of section 5 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following sentences enacted in place thereof:

'Summonses for those so elected shall be prepared by said Commissioners and mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid, to each person selected at his regular place of abode. A returned registered receipt shall be sufficient evidence that the person or persons so selected have received the above-named summons. Additional jurors may in like manner be drawn and summoned at any time during a term of court by direction of the presiding justice, and they may be summoned to attend at such time as the court may direct.'

Sec. 52. R. S., c. 149, § 41, amended. Section 41 of chapter 149 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 41. Removal of convicts to State Prison; clothing for convict. When a convict is sentenced to confinement in the State Prison, such clerk of courts shall make out a warrant under seal of the court, directed to the ~~warden of the prison~~ sheriff of said county, requiring him to cause such convict, without needless delay, to be removed from the county jail to the State Prison; ~~the warden~~ and all sheriffs and jailkeepers shall strictly obey its directions; and the clerk, as soon as may be, shall deliver such warrant to the sheriff of the county, and he shall forthwith deliver it and the convict to said warden. The sheriff shall provide the convict with comfortable clothing in which to be removed to the State Prison.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 406

AN ACT Relating to Kindling Out-of-Door Fires on Land.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 36, § 94-A, additional. Chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section to be numbered 94-A to read as follows:

'Kindling Out-of-Door Fires.

Sec. 94-A. Kindling out-of-door fires. No person shall kindle or use fires on land of another without permission of the owner, except at public camp sites and lunch grounds maintained or authorized by the Forestry Department, or when the ground is covered with snow. Out-of-door fires include the use of sterno, gasoline, charcoal or other fuel fires in or out of tents and collapsible shelters, but such fuels may be used at state highway picnic areas. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the authority of State Forest Fire Wardens to set backfires to control a going forest fire.

To better accommodate recreational and sporting users of the woods and to prevent forest fires in the Maine Forestry District, the Forest Commissioner or his representatives are hereby authorized to issue permits for out-of-door fires and camping, except on areas that the majority ownerships of any given area may withdraw at any time in writing to the Forest Commissioner. Persons issued permits are in no way relieved of legal responsibility if their fires escape and

cause damage to property. When forest fire conditions become serious, the Forest Commissioner or his representatives may declare void permits already issued. Forest fire danger indexes will be used as a basis of determining when forest fire conditions are safe to issue permits. Heavy use areas will, of necessity, be serviced by public camp sites and lunch grounds instead of individual permits.

Whosoever violates the provisions of this section shall on conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. All fines, penalties, warden costs, and all other moneys collected by the court shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the District for forest fire purposes.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 82, repealed. Section 82 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, which pertains to kindling fires, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 97, § 36, repealed. Section 36 of chapter 97 of the revised statutes, having to do with kindling fires, is hereby repealed.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 407

AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Certain Buildings.

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

R. S., c. 131, § 39-A, additional. Chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 39-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 39-A. Trespass on certain buildings. Whoever willfully enters any dwelling house, camp, cottage or locked building, without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof, 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.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 408

AN ACT Prohibiting Budget Planning Business.

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

R. S., c. 137, §§ 51-53, additional. Chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 51 to 53, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Budget Planning Business.

Sec. 51. Budget planning business prohibited. No person, firm, association or corporation shall engage in the business of budget planning. The provisions of sections 51 to 53, inclusive, shall not apply to those admitted to the practice of law.

Sec. 52. Definition. "Budget planning" means the making of a contract with a particular debtor, whereby the debtor agrees to pay a certain amount periodic-