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AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

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The clerk of the court granting the divorce, at the written request of the libelant or his attorney, shall within 5 days of the receipt of said request make and send such an abstract, for recording, by registered mail to such registry or registries as so requested.

When a divorce has been granted out of the State, the libelant, or his attorney, shall cause a duly authenticated copy of such decree to be filed with the clerk of courts in each of the counties where the real estate or any part thereof is situated, and upon written request of said libelant or his attorney, said clerk, within 5 days thereof, shall make and send such abstract, for recording, by registered mail to such registry or registries as so requested.

Such abstract shall be deemed recorded as of the time of its receipt in the registry where filed; provided, however, that such abstract if received within 10 days of the date of the decree of divorce shall have effect as if actually received on the date of the decree of divorce.

The clerk of courts shall be paid \$2.50 for each such abstract, \$1 of which he shall pay to the register and \$1.50 of which he shall retain as his fee and costs of registered mail, and an additional \$2 as filing fee of the authenticated copy of foreign divorce decree.

No such rights acquired under the provisions of said sections 63 and 65, after September 1, 1955, shall be effectual against the libelee or any other person, unless said abstract of the decree of divorce shall have been recorded, in the manner hereinabove provided, within 1 year from the date of said decree of divorce.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 429

AN ACT Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Certain Municipal Candidates.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. After election candidates to file statement of contributions and expenses. Every candidate for public office shall, within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate, file with the Secretary of State, if a candidate for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, or for any state or county office, State Senator or Representative in the Legislature, but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate for a municipal office to be elected by the registered voters of the entire city, provided the city is one of 10,000 inhabitants or over, ~~for a city, ward or town office~~ an itemized, sworn statement setting forth in detail all the moneys contributed, expended or promised by him to aid and promote his nomination or election, or both, as the case may be, and all existing unfulfilled promises, or liabilities remaining uncanceled and in force at the time such statement is made, whether such expenditures, promises and liabilities were made or incurred before, during or after such election. If no money or other valuable thing was given, paid, expended, contributed or promised, and no unfulfilled liabilities were incurred by a candidate for public office to aid or promote his nomination or election,

other than said actual personal expenses, he shall file a statement to that effect within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate. Any candidate who shall fail to file such a statement shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for every day he is in default, unless he shall be excused by the court. Fifteen days after any such election, the Secretary of State or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be, shall notify the proper prosecuting officer of any failure to file such statement on the part of any candidate, and within 10 days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute such candidate for such offense. This section shall not apply to primary elections held under the provisions of sections 15 to 51 of chapter 4. No person elected to any office established by the Constitution or laws of this State shall receive any salary or emolument for the period during which he shall have failed to file such statement.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, § 7, amended. The last sentence of section 7 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'The clerk of every city of over 10,000 inhabitants shall provide blank forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 430

AN ACT Relating to Joint Ownership Re Inheritance Tax Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 155, § 2, sub-§ I, ¶ C, amended. Paragraph C of subsection I of section 2 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'C. By survivorship in any form of joint ownership including joint bank deposits in which the decedent joint owner contributed during his lifetime any part of the property held in such joint ownership or of the purchase price thereof, excepting transfers by survivorship described in paragraph D hereof';

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 155, § 2, sub-§ I, ¶ D, additional. Subsection I of section 2 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to be lettered D, to read as follows:

'D. By survivorship in any form of joint ownership, other than joint bank deposits and joint building and loan shares, created on or after the effective date of this act, the value of decedent's interest in such joint ownership to be determined for the purpose of this chapter as provided by section 10-A.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 155, § 10-A, additional. Chapter 155 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 10-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 10-A. Value of share of joint owner. If the decedent, at the time of his death, shall be the co-owner of any form of property, other than joint bank deposits or joint building and loan shares, in any form of joint ownership created on or after the effective date of this act, the value of such joint ownership shall be determined by dividing the whole value of the property by the number of co-