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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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road to South Branch Lake in Township 5, Range 9 as much as shall be deemed necessary for their maintenance, including bridges and culverts, but not to exceed \$30,000 per year. Those portions, however, for which state aid may be available are excepted from the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1943, c. 71; P. & S. L., 1945, c. 92; P. & S. L., 1949, c. 158 and P. & S. L., 1953, c. 93, repealed. Chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1943, as amended by section 1 of chapter 168 of the private and special laws of 1947; chapter 92 of the private and special laws of 1945, as amended by section 2 of chapter 168 of the private and special laws of 1947; chapter 158 of the private and special laws of 1949 and chapter 93 of the private and special laws of 1953, are hereby repealed.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 187

AN ACT Increasing the Compensation of Aldermen of the City of Lewiston.

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

P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. V, § 9, amended. Section 9 of Article V of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 16 of the private and special laws of 1945 and by section 1 of chapter 209 of the private and special laws of 1949, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Compensation. The members of the board of aldermen shall receive as full compensation for the performance of their official duties as aldermen the sum of ~~\$70~~ \$15 for each meeting of the city council which they shall attend provided that no alderman shall be paid an amount in excess of ~~\$300~~ \$500 for such attendance during any 1 fiscal year. Members of the board of aldermen when they shall convene for the purpose of constituting a board of examiners in insanity cases shall receive as full compensation for such duties the sum of ~~\$3~~ \$5 for each meeting attended.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 188

AN ACT Relating to Discontinuance of Vaughan Bridge and Approaches Thereto as a Public Way.

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

Vaughan bridge and approaches thereto discontinued as a public way. All that part of the highway in Cumberland County between the northeasterly and southwesterly sides of Fore River as was traveled via Vaughan bridge, so called, is hereby discontinued as a public way. All those parts of said highway on the northeasterly and southwesterly sides of Fore River used as approaches to the said Vaughan bridge are hereby discontinued as a public way or ways, said discontinuance on the northeasterly side extending 300 feet along said highway approach or public way northeasterly from the stone abutment marking the end

of the riprap work located on the Portland side of Fore River and said discontinuance on the southwesterly side extending 115.9 feet along said highway approach or public way southwesterly from the corresponding abutment located on the South Portland side of Fore River.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 189

AN ACT Creating a Board of Assessment Review for Town of Brunswick.

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

Sec. 1. Board of assessment review. There shall be a board of assessment review for the town of Brunswick to consist of 5 members, none of whom shall be elected public officials, who shall be appointed by the selectmen of the town of Brunswick for a term of 2 years, except that of those first appointed, 3 shall be for a term of 2 years and 2 for a term of 1 year. If a member of such board shall cease to be a resident of Brunswick, his office shall thereby become vacant. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled by appointment by the selectmen for the unexpired term. Compensation, if any, to such members shall be determined by the town selectmen.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The board of assessment review shall have power to:

- I. Review and determine, on complaint of taxpayers, assessments made by the town assessors of taxes;
- II. Administer oaths;
- III. Hold hearings;
- IV. Take testimony;
- V. Adopt regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review.

Sec. 3. Organization. Such board shall annually choose from its membership a chairman and a secretary, except that in lieu of one of the members of the board serving as secretary, the town selectmen may authorize the board to appoint either a full-time or part-time nonmember secretary and to fix his compensation. The board shall be required to keep an accurate record of all of its proceedings, which shall be available for public inspection.

Sec. 4. Basis for complaint. No complaint shall be considered by the board unless there shall have been

- I. Compliance with the provisions of section 36 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, and
- II. The filing of an application with the assessors of taxes for an abatement under the provisions of section 40 of chapter 92 of said Revised Statutes, and they shall have had a reasonable time to act thereon.