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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-ninth Legislature

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## Chapter 36

### AN ACT Changing Name of Clerk Appointed by Register of Deeds to Deputy Register of Deeds.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 89, § 217, amended. Section 217 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 217. Deputy; oath and duties. Each register may appoint a ~~clerk~~ deputy register of deeds for whose doings and misdoings he shall be responsible, who shall be sworn. In case of sickness, absence or any temporary disability of the register, such ~~clerk~~ deputy shall make and sign for him all certificates and make all entries and minutes required to be signed or made by the register, and such certificates, entries and minutes shall be as valid as if made by the register.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 89, § 221, amended. Section 221 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 221. Clerk of courts register, when necessary. In case of vacancy in the office of register and of his ~~clerk~~ deputy in any county or registry district, the clerk of the judicial courts of the same county, being first sworn, shall perform all duties and services required of a register of deeds during such vacancy; complete all unfinished business; receive the same compensation and be subject to the same liabilities as a register of deeds; and his certificate shall have the same effect as if made by the register.'

Effective September 12, 1959

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## Chapter 37

### AN ACT Regulating Amusement Known as Bingo.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 139, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 21. Beano or Bingo. No person, firm, association or corporation shall hold, conduct or operate the amusement commonly known as "Beano" or "Bingo" for the entertainment of the public within the State unless a license therefor is obtained from the Chief of the State Police. Sections 21 to 27 shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 139, § 26, amended. Section 26 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 26. Effect of other laws. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith shall be inoperative as to sections 21 to 27 and the share of the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies shall not be withheld from

any such society because of the conducting on the fair grounds of the game of "Beano" or "Bingo."

Effective September 12, 1959

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## Chapter 38

### AN ACT Relating to Disposition of School Property in Unorganized Territory.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 164-A, additional. Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 164-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 164-A. Disposal of property or equipment. School property or equipment in unorganized territory may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by the commissioner.

When such property is sold, the proceeds shall be expended as provided in section 164 for the benefit of the children in the unorganized unit where the property is located.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 102, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 140 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Power and authority of State Tax Assessor. Whenever the organization of any town or plantation has been terminated by act of the Legislature, the powers, duties and obligations relating to the affairs of said town or plantation shall be vested in the State Tax Assessor for not more than 5 years. The State Tax Assessor shall have the authority to sell or otherwise dispose of any property, other than property formerly used or still being used for school purposes, the title of which rests in the town at the time of deorganization or may come to the town subsequent to deorganization. ~~Such~~ The State Tax Assessor shall have the power and authority to assess taxes any time after the act terminating the organization of the town or plantation becomes operative by making assessment once a year under the laws now relating to the assessment of state taxes in unorganized territory, and the State Tax Assessor shall have the same power and authority to enforce the collection of said taxes as is now provided for the collection of state taxes. All moneys received by virtue of said assessment and collection ~~as aforesaid, or disposal of property,~~ shall be applied to the payment of necessary expenses of the State Tax Assessor in making such assessment, and to the payment of any obligations of said town or plantation outstanding at the time of termination of its organization, and to the payment of state and county taxes assessed against such town or plantation and for the completion of any public works of said town or plantation already begun; ~~and when.~~ When in the best judgment of said State Tax Assessor final payment of all known accounts against said town, which has been or may be deorganized, has been made, or at the end of said period of 5 years, any funds unexpended, if any exist, shall be deposited by the former town if still in its possession, or by the