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Chapter 130

AN ACT Relating to Town Dumps.

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

R. S., c. 100, §§ 7-A and 7-B, additional. Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding two new sections, 7-A and 7-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 7-A. Public dumping grounds; acquisition. Any municipality may by action of its legislative body direct its municipal officers to take suitable lands for public dumping grounds. When so directed, the municipal officers shall proceed in the same manner as used in laying out public ways, except that a fee simple title shall be acquired.

I. The public dumping ground is not established until it has been accepted, as laid out, by the legislative body of the municipality.

II. Any public dumping ground that ceases to be usable as such may be disposed of in the same manner as other lands owned by the municipality.

III. Public dumping grounds established under this section shall be subject to chapter 36, section 85.

Sec. 7-B. Public dumping ground; nuisances. Whoever personally or through the agency of another leaves or deposits any offal, filth or other noisome substance in any public dumping ground, except in the manner prescribed by the local health officer, and in such manner as may be satisfactory to such health officer, shall be guilty of committing a nuisance. Such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months. Any expenses incurred by a municipality in the abatement of such nuisances may be recovered in an action of debt brought in the name of the municipality against the guilty party. If requested, and if the gravamen of the offense so indicates, the court in its discretion may award double damages in such suits.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 131

AN ACT Relating to Filling Vacancies in Board of School Directors of a School Administrative District.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 111-J, amended. The first sentence of the 3rd paragraph from the end of section 111-J of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1-B of chapter 364 and as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 443, both of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'When a vacancy on the Board of School Directors occurs by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining members of the board shall fill the vacancy by electing a director from the same municipality that the prior director

represented, after nomination from the selectmen or municipal officers, to serve until the municipality shall fill the vacancy at its next annual town meeting or next regular city election.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 132

AN ACT Closing Great Chebeague Island to Hunting for Snowshoe Hares.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 106, amended. Section 106 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs, to read as follows:

'It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, shoot at, take, catch or kill any wild rabbit or snowshoe hare, so called, on Great Chebeague Island, so called, an island surrounded by the waters of Casco Bay and situated in the Town of Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland, from April 1, 1959 to September 30, 1961. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild rabbit or snowshoe hare, so called, taken in violation of this section.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 or by imprisonment for 30 days, or by both.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 133

AN ACT Relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds for Mechanical Methods of Recording.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 216, amended. The 3rd paragraph from the end of section 216 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Receiving, recording and indexing of any deed or mortgage that will not fit the printed form, any assignment or discharge in long form or any other instrument by law entitled to record, the sum of \$2 for the first 500 words and the sum of 25c for each 100 words or a fraction thereof in excess of 500 words; ~~provided, however, that if~~ If recording is done by photographic, photostatic or other mechanical methods as permitted by law the charge shall be ~~\$1~~ \$2 for ~~each~~ the first record page and \$1 per page for each additional page or fraction of a record page so recorded of same instrument. The fees provided by this paragraph shall not apply to the recording of instruments the fees for which are otherwise provided by law.'

Effective September 12, 1959