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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundredth Legislature

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'No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.'

Effective September 16, 1961

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## Chapter 124

### AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of Violations of Maine Forestry District Laws.

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

R. S., c. 36, § 103-A, additional. Chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 103-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 103-A. Jurisdiction. Trial justices and municipal courts within their counties shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court in all prosecutions under any provisions of sections 95 to 112. Any person, arrested as a violator of said sections, may with reasonable diligence be taken before the municipal court nearest to where the offense is alleged to have been committed for a warrant and trial, and in such case jurisdiction is granted to all municipal courts in adjoining counties to be exercised in the same manner as if the offense had been committed in that county. If a trial justice whose usual place of holding court in the county where the offense is alleged to have been committed is nearer to where the offense is alleged to have been committed than is any municipal court, such violator may be taken before such trial justice for warrant and trial.'

Effective September 16, 1961

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## Chapter 125

### AN ACT Regulating Emergency Calls on Party Lines.

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

R. S., c. 131, §§ 36-A - 36-C, additional. Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 3 new sections to be numbered 36-A to 36-C, to read as follows:

#### 'Emergency Use of Party Lines.

Sec. 36-A. Definitions. As used in sections 36-A to 36-B, the following words shall have the following meanings:

I. Party line. "Party line" means a subscribers' line telephone circuit, consisting of 2 or more main telephone stations connected therewith, each station with a distinctive ring or telephone number.

II. Emergency. "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential.

Sec. 36-B. Refusal to surrender party line prohibited. A person shall not wilfully refuse to surrender the use of a party line to another person for the purpose of permitting such other person to report a fire or summon police, medical or other aid in case of emergency.

A person shall not request the use of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that an emergency does not exist.

Sec. 36-C. Penalty for violation. Whoever violates sections 36-A and 36-B shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or by both.'

Effective September 16, 1961

## Chapter 126

AN ACT Relating to Disability Retirement Under Maine State Retirement Law.

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

R. S., c. 63-A, § 7, sub-§ I, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection I of section 7 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is amended by adding at the end 3 new sentences to read as follows:

'Except that any member who has had 10 or more years of creditable service, and has not attained age 60, and who has separated from service due to illness or injury may apply for a disability retirement allowance and may become entitled to such benefits if the medical board and the board of trustees are supplied with evidence that the cause of the disability originated while the member was in service. Benefits shall become effective no earlier than the date the board of trustees receives written notification of said disability. The effect of this paragraph shall be retroactive.'

Effective September 16, 1961

## Chapter 127

AN ACT Relating to Transportation of Certain Poultry.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 48-I-1, additional. Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 48-I-1, to read as follows:

'Sec. 48-I-1. Transportation of certain poultry prohibited. No baby chicks or poultry shall be moved from any premises where hatched, to any other location in the State of Maine unless such baby chicks or poultry shall have originated directly from eggs from flocks or hatcheries that have a Pullorum-Typhoid clean rating, given by the official state agency of the National Poultry Improvement Plan of the State.'

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