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municipal law enforcement officers shall be authorized officers to make inspections, investigations and arrests under sections 67-A to 67-J and shall report violations to the ~~Forest~~ commissioner.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 376

AN ACT Relating to Notice to Municipal Officers Prior to Filing of the State Valuation.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 66, amended. Section 66 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new sentence to read as follows:

'Notice of the proposed valuations of municipalities within each county shall be sent by certified mail to the chairman of the board of assessors of each municipality within that county on or before the first day of November preceding the regular sessions of the Legislature.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 377

AN ACT Increasing Salary of Secretary of State.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 21, § 1, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 6 of chapter 361 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$10,000~~ \$10,200. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.'

(There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$200 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$200 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This act shall be retroactive to July 1, 1961.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 378

AN ACT Relating to Survivor Benefits Under Maine State Retirement System.

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

R. S., c. 63-A, § 9, sub-§ I, ¶ B, sub-¶ 2, amended. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph B of subsection I of section 9 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as

repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 367 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding after the first sentence, a new sentence, as follows:

'If the member died on or after March 1, 1952 as a result of illness or injury received in line of duty while in the service of the State of Maine, divisions (a), (b), (c) or (e) shall be payable if applicable, except that the payments shall begin on the first day of the month following the effective date of this act and shall not be retroactive to the date of death if the death occurred before July 1, 1957.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 379

AN ACT Revising Statutes Regulating Branching and Consolidations by Banks.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 59, § 19-C, repealed and replaced. Section 19-C of chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 380 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 19-C. Branch offices.

I. Branches. No savings bank shall establish or operate a branch or agency until it shall have received a warrant to do so from the Bank Commissioner, who shall issue such warrant only when satisfied that public convenience and advantage will be promoted thereby. The commissioner may require such notice on an application for a branch or agency as he deems proper. No savings bank shall be permitted to establish or operate a branch or agency except within the county of its main office or a county adjoining that of its main office. If granted, the commissioner shall issue his warrant in duplicate, one copy to be delivered to the bank and the other to the Secretary of State for record. Within 10 days after opening a branch or agency, the bank shall file with the commissioner a certificate thereof signed by its president or treasurer. The right to open a branch or agency shall lapse at the end of one year from the date of filing the commissioner's warrant with the Secretary of State, unless it shall have been opened and business actually begun in good faith. An application for permission to open a branch or agency shall not be acted upon until the petitioning bank shall have paid to the Treasurer of State the sum of \$200, to be credited and used as provided in section 4. This section shall not apply to branches or agencies authorized and in existence on the effective date of this act.

II. Relocation and closing. No branch, agency or main office may be moved to a new location without the prior written consent of the commissioner who shall give such consent if he finds that the proposed move does not create hazardous competitive conditions for existing financial institutions. Any branch or agency may be closed or discontinued with the consent of the commissioner after such public notice, as in his judgment, the public interest may require.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 59, § 124, repealed and replaced. Section 124 of chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: