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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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## Chapter 192

### AN ACT Relating to Maintenance of Paupers by Certain Plantations.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4472, amended. Section 4472 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

#### § 4472. Maintenance of paupers by certain plantations

Plantations having a population of ~~200~~ 300 or more and a valuation of at least \$350,000 shall support the paupers therein, in the same manner that towns now do, and the expenses therefor shall not be chargeable to the State.

Effective September 23, 1971

## Chapter 193

### AN ACT Relating to Injury or Incapacity of Certain State Employees.

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

R. S., T. 25, § 1507, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1507 to read as follows:

#### § 1507. —Certain state employees

When an employee of the Division of Corrections or maximum security sections of mental hospitals of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is injured or incapacitated as the result of performance of duty, the sick leave taken shall not be charged against the accrued sick leave earned under the Personnel Law and rules.

The determination as to whether this section shall apply to any such employee shall be made by the Industrial Accident Commission. In no case shall the period of time under this section be greater than 500 weeks from the date of injury or incapacity.

Effective September 23, 1971

## Chapter 194

### AN ACT Relating to Condonation as a Defense to an Action for Divorce.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 691, amended. The first paragraph of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new sentence:

Condonation of the parties shall not be an absolute defense to any action for divorce but shall be discretionary with the court.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 195

**AN ACT** Relating to Recrimination as a Defense in an Action for Divorce.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 19, § 691, amended. The 3rd sentence from the end of the first paragraph of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

When there is collusion between the parties to procure a divorce, it shall not be granted.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 19, § 691, amended. The first paragraph of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new sentence:

Recrimination shall be a comparative rather than an absolute defense in any divorce action.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 196

**AN ACT** Relating to School Administrative District Elections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 225, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, repealed and replaced. Paragraph A of subsection 2 of section 225 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 295 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A. It shall be the responsibility of the school directors to prepare the warrants for the town meetings or city elections, such warrants to be countersigned by the municipal officers of each municipality where the warrant is posted. It shall further be the duty of the board of directors to prepare and furnish the required number of ballots for carrying out the election as posted. The warrant shall specify that the municipal officers of the municipalities within the School Administrative District shall call a meeting or city election on a date and during the hours to be determined by the board of directors. Notwithstanding paragraphs G and H, the time of the termination of voting shall be uniform in all municipalities comprising the School Administrative District.