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

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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 The 3rd sentence from the end of the first paragraph of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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.

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**Sec. 1.** R. S., T. 20, § 225, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, repealed and replaced.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section 225 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 295 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 225, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, amended.** The next to the last sentence, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 295 of the public laws of 1967, and the last sentence, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 505 of the public laws of 1967, both of paragraph C of subsection 2 of section 225 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 225, sub-§ 2, ¶ F, amended.** Paragraph F of subsection 2 of section 225 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

F. The town or city clerk so served shall immediately notify the municipal officers within his municipality of this fact and the municipal officers shall forthwith meet, countersign and ~~issue their~~ have posted the warrants prepared by the board of directors to call town meetings or city elections and the warrants and other notices for said meetings shall be in the same manner as provided in Title 21.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 20, § 226, sub-§ 4, ¶ C, amended.** Paragraph C of subsection 4 of section 226 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

C. As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside at the meeting and the annual budget shall be voted on by written ballot.

Effective September 23, 1971

## Chapter 197

### AN ACT Relating to Meals and Housing Expense for Members of the Legislature and Compensation at Special Sessions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 531 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an allowance for meals in the amount of ~~\$7~~ \$8 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature. Each member occupying overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature shall be reimbursed, under procedures governing state employees, for actual housing expenses not to exceed ~~\$9~~ \$10 per night. In lieu of the reimbursement for actual housing expenses, each member shall be entitled to actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding ~~\$9~~ \$10 per day.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended.** The 4th paragraph of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 412 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

When an extra session is called by the Governor, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid ~~\$20~~ \$25 for every day's attendance, and mileage as aforesaid.

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