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in force continue for 90 days after the next term of the court in that county; and if the defendant was arrested on mesne process and gave bond to disclose after judgment, he may do so after said next term without breach of his bond.

Sec. 19. Copies, in law cases, may be printed or written. R. S. c. 91, § 74. In all cases taken to the law court for argument and decision, except appeals by attorneys at law from judgments of court rendered against them on information, all copies of the case, abstracts containing the substance of all the material facts, pleadings, and documents on which the parties rely, may either be printed or fairly and legibly written on good paper.

See c. 93, § 18, re removal of unworthy attorneys; appeal.

CHAPTER 92.

REPORTER OF DECISIONS.

Sec. 1. Reporter; appointment and tenure of office; salary. R. S. c. 91, § 93; c. 125, § 7. 1937, c. 35. 1943, c. 245. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall, in case of a vacancy, appoint a person learned in the law, to be reporter of the decisions of the law court, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the executive. He shall receive an annual salary of \$2,000.

72 Me. 543, 565.

Sec. 2. Duties. R. S. c. 91, § 94. 1943, c. 64. The reporter of decisions shall prepare correct reports of all legal questions argued and decided, reporting cases more or less at large according to his judgment of their importance. He shall publish at least 1 volume yearly, provided he has material enough to make a volume of the size required by this section, and furnish the usual number of current copies to the state and to the public at a price to be fixed by the governor and council. Each volume shall be of the average size of Maine Reports, and be equal thereto in paper, printing, general finish, and quantity of printed matter. The reporter may, from time to time, as he sees fit, make a written contract in his own name with any person, firm, or corporation for the printing, publishing, and binding of said reports and shall require such person, firm, or corporation to give a good and sufficient bond with good and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the terms and conditions of such contract by the person, firm, or corporation with whom the reporter makes such contract. In case of a breach of any or all of the conditions of such bond, the reporter may maintain an action on such bond in his own name.

See c. 91, § 14, re law court cases.

Sec. 3. Copyright of reports. R. S. c. 91, § 95. Each volume of said reports shall be entered by the secretary of state with the librarian of congress, and copyrighted in the name of the state of Maine, and the manuscript and copyright thereof shall belong to the state. All profits arising from the publication and sale of said reports and advanced sheets thereof received by said reporter, except as hereinafter provided, shall be accounted for and paid over by him to the treasurer of state on the 1st Monday in December in each year. The reporter may retain out of said profits received by him the sum of \$500 each year for clerk hire, stationery, postage, expressage, and incidental expenses. At the expiration of his

term of office, all the official duties of the reporter shall cease, and he shall turn over and deliver to his successor all unpublished cases in his hands, and shall also assign and transfer to his successor any contract and bond he then may have relating to a volume not then completed or commenced. Such successor's rights in and under such contract and bond shall be the same as though he had originally made the contract and taken the bond.

Sec. 4. To furnish advance sheets free to all justices. R. S. c. 91, § 96. The reporter shall furnish free of charge the justices of the supreme judicial court and superior court with 1 copy each of advance sheets; he shall also be entitled to 25 copies, free of expense, for current exchanges with the reporters of other states, law school libraries, the attorney-general, and heads of departments.

CHAPTER 93.

BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS. ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

- Sections 1-8 Admission to Practice Law.
Sections 9-13 Summary Proceedings for Payment of Collections.
Sections 14-23 Removal of Unworthy Attorneys, and Resignation of Attorneys.

Admission to Practice Law

Sec. 1. Appointment of board for examination of applicants; tenure; compensation; meetings. R. S. c. 93, § 27; c. 125, §§ 53, 55, 56. 1931, c. 216, Art. II, § 15. 1941, c. 46, § 3. 1943, c. 320. The board of examiners for the examination of applicants for admission to the bar, as heretofore established, and hereafter in this chapter called the "board", shall be composed of 5 competent lawyers of the state; 1 member of said board shall be appointed annually by the governor on the recommendation of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court and shall hold office for the term of 5 years beginning on the 1st day of September of each year. Vacancies occurring from death, resignation, removal, or inability to act shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. Such board shall hold at least 2 sessions annually at such times and places in the state as the supreme judicial court shall direct, for the purpose of examining all applicants for admission to the bar, as to their legal learning and general qualifications to practice in the several courts of the state as attorneys and counselors at law and solicitors and counselors in chancery and, upon such examination being had, the board shall issue to such applicants as shall pass the required examination a certificate of qualification stating the standing of the applicants and recommending their admission to the bar. The members of the board shall elect from their number a secretary and shall make such rules and regulations relative to said examination as to them may seem proper. The president of said board shall be the member whose term of office soonest expires. Three members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The secretary of the board shall be the treasurer thereof and shall receive all fees, charges, and assessments payable to the board, and account for and pay over the same according to law.