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teen hundred and nine, relating to the salary of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Westbrook, is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word 'three' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'Salary of recorder increased to \$300. Such recorder shall receive an annual salary of three hundred dollars, in full for all services as such recorder, which salary shall be paid to him in quarterly payments from the county treasury of the county of Cumberland.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 177.

An Act Additional to Chapter Four Hundred and Thirty-three of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seven, Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Water District."

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

Sec. 1. Authority given to supply water to Gorham, Falmouth and Cumberland; also to islands in Casco Bay and to public utilities; proviso. The Portland Water District is hereby authorized to supply Sebago water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes to the inhabitants and the towns of Gorham, Falmouth and Cumberland; also to the government reservations and the inhabitants on the islands in Casco bay in Cumberland county, lying and being in the territorial limits of the cities and towns wherein said district is now, or may be hereafter authorized to supply water, and also to any public utility now supplying water in said county, provided that said district shall not supply water in any section of said territory, except to the government reservations, where another corporation, person or association is now furnishing water under a franchise from the state, without the consent of such corporation, person or association and the consent of the public utilities commission.

Sec. 2. Provisions of P. & S. L., 1907, c. 433 applicable; may lay pipes through extended territory. All rights, powers and privileges granted the Portland Water District by chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven, including the right of eminent domain, are hereby granted and extended throughout the aforesaid territory, to be exercised therein in accordance with the provisions of said chapter four hundred and thirty-three. Said district is also especially authorized under said provisions to extend its pipes, aqueducts and fixtures throughout the aforesaid territory under and beneath any of the waters of Casco bay or its tributaries.

Sec. 3. Transfer of Foreside and of Gorham water companies, also of other public utilities authorized. Subject to the consent of the public utilities commission, the said district is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase the entire capital stock, plants, property and franchises, rights and privileges of the Foreside Water Company and the Gorham Water Company or of any other public utility supplying water in the territory in

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which said district is authorized to supply water; and any such utility is hereby authorized with the consent of the public utilities commission to transfer its properties, rights and franchises to said district.

Sec. 4. Rates may be increased when justified by conditions; increase subject to approval of public utilities commission. Said district shall continue to supply water under the provisions of said chapter four hundred and thirty-three as heretofore, and the rates for water so supplied shall be uniform within the territory supplied by the district wherever the installation and maintenance of mains and the cost of service is substantially uniform, but nothing in said chapter four hundred and thirty-three or in this act shall preclude said district, with the approval of the public utilities commission, from establishing higher rates than the regular rates in sections where, for any reason, the cost of construction and maintenance or the cost of service exceeds the average, but such higher rates shall be uniform throughout the section where they apply.

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 178.

An Act to Repeal Chapter One Hundred Thirty-four of the Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-one Entitled, "An Act Establishing a Fire Department in the Town of Portland;" Sections One, Three and Four of Chapter One Hundred Sixty-seven of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-three Entitled, "An Act Relating to the City of Portland."

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1831, § 134, repealed. Chapter one hundred thirty-four of the special laws of eighteen hundred and thirty-one entitled, "An Act Establishing a Fire Department in the Town of Portland" is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Certain sections P. & S. L., 1853, c. 167, repealed. Sections one, three and four of chapter one hundred sixty-seven of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-three entitled, "An Act Relating to the City of Portland" are hereby repealed.

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 179.

An Act to Legalize the Doings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Windham at the Annual Town Meeting held on March Fifth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, and by Adjournment, on March Seventh, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

Emergency preamble. Whereas an emergency exists, because it is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace and safety, that the acts and doings of the inhabitants of the town of Windham at the annual town meeting, held on March fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by adjournment, on March seventh, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be made legal and valid without delay, therefore,