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LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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AN ACT [No. 164.

Relative to Elections in the State of Louisiana, and to enforce Article one Hundred and Three of the Constitution of the State.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That elections for Representatives in the General Assembly shall be held on the first Monday of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and every two years thereafter; and all elections to supply the place of Senators in the General Assembly, whose terms of service shall have expired, shall be held at the same time as herein provided for the election of Representatives.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That in the years in which a Governor and a Lieutenant Governor are to be elected, the election for such officers shall be held at the time and place herein provided for the election of Senators and Representatives.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That elections for Sheriffs and Coroners of the several parishes of this State shall be held at the same time herein before provided for the election of members of the General Assembly.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That elections shall be held in each parish at the several election precincts now or hereafter to be established by law, until otherwise directed by the Supervisors of Registration.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all elections shall be completed in one day, and the polls shall be kept open at each precinct from the hour of seven in the morning until six in the afternoon.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the elections at each precinct shall be presided over by three Commissioners of Election, to be appointed by the Supervisors of Registration, who shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, take and subscribe the oath or oaths prescribed for State officers. Should only one of the Commissioners appointed be present, he shall (except in such cases as the Commissioners of Election are hereinafter required to close the polls), appoint another, and both together shall appoint a third, and the Commissioners so appointed shall take the oath, and perform all the duties of Commissioners of Election in the same manner as if they had been appointed by the Supervisors of Registration.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Commissioners of Election shall preserve order and decorum at the election, and shall have power to commit to prison any disorderly person for a term not to extend beyond the hour of closing the polls, provided he be permitted to vote before being imprisoned.

Any person or persons who shall obstruct, hinder, or by violence or threats of violence, abusive language, or other species of intimidation, interfere with a Supervisor of Registration or Commissioner of Election, or with any person or persons duly appointed to execute the orders of the Supervisors of Registration or Commissioners of Election, in the discharge of their duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months nor less than one month.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That in any parish, precinct, ward, city or town in which on any day of election there shall be any riot, tumult, acts of violence or armed disturbance at or near the polls, which riot, tumult, acts of violence or armed disturbance shall prevent or tend to prevent a fair, peaceable and full vote of all the qualified electors of said parish, precinct, ward, city or town, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Election, or the Supervisors of Registration for the said parish or district, to continue to hold and complete the election by them begun, if possible, and to make a clear and full statement in duplicate of all the facts relating thereto, and as to the effect such riot, tumult, acts of violence, or armed disturbance had or might have had in changing, altering or otherwise affecting the result of the election, one copy of which they shall transmit to the Governor, and the other to the Judge of the District Court in and for the parish, if it be outside of New Orleans, and one to one of the Judges of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth or Seventh District Courts of New Orleans.

And if the Governor shall deem the allegations made in said statement sufficient if true to invalidate the election of any person or persons who may appear by reason of the vote returned from said parish, ward, precinct, city or town to have been chosen to any office or offices, he shall notify at once the Judge aforesaid of the same, and said Judge shall at once proceed to make inquisition thereof summarily and without awaiting the coming of a term of court in said parish, if it be in vacation, and if he be holding court in another part of his district, he shall then and there make such inquisition, or may repair to such parish to make it, and may summon any person or persons to come before him to give testimony, and to bring with them any papers or records giving light thereon; and he shall hear and determine such questions as may arise therein in preference to all other causes before him. And the said District Judge shall examine into the allegations made in said statement by said Supervisors and Commissioners of Elections as to how far they are true, and how far mature, and whether the acts done did or did not cause the election to be determined contrary to the real will of the voters who did and those who were desirous to vote at said election, but were prevented from so doing, and of this he shall cause a record to be made in the minutes of the District Courts of the parish in question, and transmit a duplicate copy to the Governor who, if the finding of the Court is that the election was invalided by reason of said unlawful acts, may disregard all returns made from said invalidated parish, ward, precinct, town or city, and if the same were part only of the constituency of an officer to be elected, award commission accordingly to whom would be elected if those returns be thrown out, or if such officer be solely elected by the parish or subdivision complained of therein, the Governor shall order a new election, and not more than fifteen nor less than eight days notice of the election shall be given by the returning officer of the parish, by publication, at least twice, in two or more newspapers, if there be such published in the parish or city, and be posted up in at least four public places therein. It shall be the right of those who deny the correctness of the statements made by the Supervisors of Registration or Commissioners of Election, to appear and contest the same, and the witnesses and written or published evidence proffered by them, shall be called for, heard and examined by the Judge aforesaid equally, with that proffered by such Supervisors or Commissioners; Provided, that until the finding of the Judge in such cases as above provided shall have been officially transmitted to the Governor, no returns thus had in question shall be counted for any candidate, and that if such finding shall not be so transmitted until after the expiration of the time prescribed by law for the official promulgation of the result of the election no returns so questioned shall be included in such promulgation, but such returns shall be held null and void; and be it further provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed so as to prevent the contesting any election by any candidate who may claim to have been lawfully and rightfully elected to any office, but that such person may implead his opponent in any court of competent jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter and demand that he be adjudged to be duly elected thereto, and if the court, after the hearing of all the facts and considering the law in the case, shall render judgment final in his favor, and there be no appeal, or if appealed from this be affirmed, the said claimant shall be inducted into the office which he claims and the commission to the incumbent shall be thereby annulled and revoked and another granted to the claimant, nor shall anything in this act contained be construed so as to take aught from the power given each House of the General Assembly to be judges of the qualifications of the members thereof.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person or persons who shall counsel, aid, connive at, abet, encourage or participate in any riots, tumults or acts of violence, or armed disturbance at or near the office of any Board of Registration in any district or parish, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding two years, nor less than six months.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person or persons who shall purchase or cause to be purchased the registration papers or certificate of registration of any person duly registered according to law, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not less than one year nor more than three years.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person who shall knowingly, wilfully and corruptly vote, or attempt to vote on any false or fraudulent paper or certificate of registration, or upon any paper or certificate of registration, issued to a person other than the one voting, or attempting to vote on said paper or certificate of registration, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not less than one year nor more than three years.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person who shall wilfully and knowingly register or cause to be registered his name, or that of any other person, as a legal voter in violation of law, or wilfully and knowingly vote, or induce or cause another to vote, in violation of the laws, or of the Constitutional provisions, in such cases made and provided, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period not less than one year nor more than three years.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That no person shall be permitted to vote at any election to be held in this State, who has not been duly registered as a qualified voter in accordance with the law.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person who shall induce by offer of reward, by threats of violence, or otherwise, any person to knowingly, wilfully and corruptly vote, or attempt to vote, on any false or fraudulent paper or certificate of registration, or upon any paper or certificate of registration belonging to a person other than the one voting or attempting to vote on said paper or certificate of registration, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for a period not exceeding three years nor less than one year.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person found guilty of carrying concealed weapons on the day of election shall be fined two hundred and fifty dollars ($250), or be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than one year; Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to persons authorized by law to keep the peace, and be it further provided, That one-half of the fines shall go to the informer and that the other half shall go to the school fund.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Secretary of State shall compile the election returns from the different parishes throughout the State and shall make an official report of the same to the Governor, who shall make public proclamation of the result.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Supervisors of Registration, or Commissioners of Election, shall have authority on the day of election, to close all drinking saloons, dram shops, groggeries or places where liquor is sold by the glass or bottle, situated within a radius of two miles of any poll or place of election. And said Supervisors or Commissioners shall have the power to call on any Sheriff, Constable or police officer to enforce this regulation.

If such Sheriff, Constable or police officer shall refuse to obey any order issued under the authority of this section, the Commissioner or Supervisor giving the order shall have power summarily to arrest and imprison such Sheriff, Constable or police officer; such imprisonment not to extend beyond the hour of closing the polls.

And such Sheriff, Constable or police officer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or in office, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months nor less than three months and by a fine of not more than ($500) five hundred dollars nor less than ($100) one hundred dollars.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That in cases where any oath or affirmation shall be administered by any Supervisor of Registration or Commissioner of Election, any person swearing or affirming falsely in the premises, shall be subjected to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That any voter shall have the right to require that any person attempting to vote shall be put on his oath and made to declare whether he has not voted in another precinct, and in case such person should make a false oath, he shall be subjected to the penalties provided by law for perjury.

SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That every voter shall vote in the parish wherein he resides and at the election precinct of which he shall be a registered voter.

SEC. 21. Be it further enacted, etc., That all persons convicted of the crimes of bribery, perjury, forgery and other high crimes and misdemeanors, punishable in the penitentiary, shall be excluded from the right of suffrage. And all persons convicted of any of said offenses in any other country, and who shall have removed here, shall not have the right to vote.

SEC. 22. Be it further enacted, etc., That all the names of persons voted for by each voter shall be written or printed on one ticket, on which the names of the persons voted for, together with the office for which they are voted for, shall be accurately specified; and should two or more tickets be folded together, the tickets so folded shall be rejected.

SEC. 23. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Election of each parish to provide for each election poll within the parish one suitable ballot-box, at the expense of the parish.

SEC. 24. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Registration for each parish, except the parish of Orleans, immediately after the closing of the polls, or within two days thereafter, to repair to the courthouse of the parish, and there, in the presence of at least two witnesses, and as many other persons as may attend, to compile the returns sent in by the Commissioners of Election, at the several precincts, to make public proclamation of the result, and to make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

SEC. 25. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of said Supervisors of Registration in each parish to make out triplicate returns, to forward one of them immediately by mail to the Secretary of State, and another to the Secretary of State by the next most speedy mode of conveyance, and to deposit the third in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, and in the city of New Orleans, in the office of the Clerk of the First District Court; and for their wilful failure or neglect herein, such Supervisors shall, upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 26. Be it further enacted, etc., That in all future elections for Senators, Representatives, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clerks of the District Courts, and other officers, if there should be an equal number of votes given to two or more candidates, the election for such office or offices thus not filled shall be again returned to the people in the parish or district, as the case may be, public notice of ten days to be first given in the same manner as in the first election, without the proclamation of the Governor.

SEC. 27. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Governor, at least six weeks before every general election, to issue his proclamation giving notice thereof, which shall be published in the official journal of the State, and copies thereof forwarded to the several returning officers throughout the State.

SEC. 28. Be it further enacted, etc., That notice of every general election held under the provisions of this act shall be given at least thirty days before the election, by notices posted up in each precinct, or if there be an official newspaper published in the parish, by publishing the notice in such paper.

Notice of every general election shall be given by the Sheriff of each parish at least ten days, by advertisement in at least one newspaper in each parish in which a paper may be published, and in the parish of Orleans in three newspapers of said parish.

SEC. 29. Be it further enacted, etc., That all general elections for members of Congress shall be held at the same time, and conducted in the same manner as is provided for the election for Representatives to the General Assembly.

SEC. 30. Be it further enacted, etc., That as soon as possible after the expiration of the time of making the returns of the election for Representatives in Congress, the Governor, jointly with the Secretary of State, and a Judge of one of the District Courts of the State, shall proceed to ascertain from the said returns the person duly elected, a certificate of which shall be entered on record by the Secretary of State and signed by the Governor, and a copy thereof, subscribed as aforesaid, shall be delivered to the person so elected, and another copy transmitted to the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, directed to the Speaker thereof.

SEC. 31. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of vacancy, by death or otherwise, in the said office of Representative in Congress between the general elections, it shall be the duty of the Governor, by proclamation, to cause an election to be held according to law, to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 32. Be it further enacted, etc., That in every year in which an election shall be held for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, such election shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in accordance with an act of the Congress of the United States, approved January 23, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, entitled "An act to establish a uniform time for holding elections for electors of President and Vice President, in all states of the Union;" and such elections shall be held and conducted in the manner and form provided by law for general State elections.

SEC. 33. Be it further enacted, etc., That the foregoing provisions, except as to time and place of holding elections, shall apply in the election of all officers whose election is not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 34. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor is authorized and empowered to issue his proclamation ordering in all cases not otherwise provided for by law, elections to be held in the different parishes of this State to fill any and all vacancies that may happen in any elective office.

SEC. 35. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the seat of any Senator or Representatives shall become vacant, and there shall be a session of the General Assembly before the next general election, it shall be the duty of the Governor, within five days after being officially informed of such vacancy, to issue his writ of election, directed to the Supervisors of Registration in and for the parish or parishes in which such vacancy may exist, whose duty it shall be, within three days after its receipt, to give public notice that an election will be held to fill such vacancy on a day to be named by them, which day shall not be less than eight nor more than fifteen days after the publication of such notice, if such election be held during or within fifteen days next preceding a session of the General Assembly; but if not, then the election shall be held not less than twenty nor more than thirty days after the publication of such notice, and shall be held and conducted, and the returns thereof made in the manner and form provided by law for general elections.

SEC. 36. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the seat of a Senator or Representative of the parish of Orleans shall become vacant, it shall be the duty of the Governor, within five days after being officially informed thereof, to issue his writ of election to supply such vacancy, directed to the proper returning officer, whose duty it shall be within three days after the receipt of such writ, to give public notice that an election will be held to fill such vacancy on a day to be named by him, which shall not be within less than eight nor more than fifteen days after the publication of such notice; and such election shall be held and conducted, and the returns thereof made in the manner and form provided in this act for general elections.

SEC. 37. Be it further enacted, etc., That any civil officers or other persons who shall assume or pretend to act in any capacity as officers of elections to receive votes or to do any other acts toward the holding or conducting of elections in violation of or contrary to the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not to exceed three years nor less than one year, and by a fine not exceeding three hundred nor less than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 38. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the commissioners to receive the ballots of all bona fide voters who shall offer to vote, deposit the same in the ballot box to be provided for that purpose and to keep duplicate lists thereof. Immediately after closing the polls they shall open the box and count the votes with open doors, and make duplicate returns of the number of votes polled for each candidate, making mention of the name of the candidate and the office voted for, they shall then deliver one of the lists and one of the returns to the Deputy Sheriff, or other officer in attendance whose duty shall be to convey the same without delay to the returning officer or officers of the parish, but if no deputy sheriff or other officer be in attendance, such return shall be conveyed to the returning officer or officers of the parish by one of the Commissioners of election for that precinct to be selected by those who have presided at the election.

SEC. 39. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from, and be in force on and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 19, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

JOINT RESOLUTION [No. 165.

Appropriating five thousand dollars for the relief of the destitution occasioned by the late storm.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, for the relief of the destitution occasioned by the late storm, to be paid to the President of the Howard Association upon his warrant.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the President of said Howard Association shall report in due time to the Governor of the State how and in what manner the fund herein appropriated shall have been disbursed and dispensed.

SEC. 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That said amount of five thousand dollars be distributed to destitute poor without distinction of race or color.

SEC. 4. Be it further resolved, etc., That this resolution shall be in immediate force and effect from and after its passage, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby authorized, empowered and required to pay upon the warrant of the President of the Howard Association as aforesaid, the sum hereinbefore provided.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 166.

An act to authorize the Compilation of a New and Official Map of the State.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a special engineer, whose duty it sha l be, under his direction, to compile a geographical, historical and statistical map of the State; said map not to be less than five feet by three feet on size, to contain such information as the Governor in his judgment may direct, and before publication to receive his sanction and autographic approval.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the special engineer thus created shall receive no regular salary or compensation for his services, but shall be bound by the terms hereinafter to be made as a part of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the copying of said map shall be vested in the special engineer, and he shall receive from the State, on the completion of the work, the sum of twenty dollars per copy for each map, to be furnished as per schedule to follow, and for the purpose of aiding in the expenses of engraving and publication. But the said engineer shall be required to enter into good and acceptable bond and security, in the full sum received, for the delivery to the State, without further compensation than that which is hereinbefore and hereinafter provided and for the use and benefit of the State, of such a number of the copies of said map as will carry out the following schedule for distribution, viz: The Governor of the State, to whom the maps will be delivered, shall cause three copies to be furnished to each parish in the State, to become the property of said parish, and for use respectively in such offices as the parish authorities may direct; also shall furnish one hundred copies to the Superintendent of Public Education, to be distributed to the different public schools throughout the State as the Superintendent may order and direct. He shall also supply the different State offices at the capital each with a copy, and shall be furnished such additional copies as will enable the Governor to exchange for maps of the other States and Territories of the United States, and the maps so received in exchange shall become a part of the property of the State Library.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the different parish officers throughout the State to afford said Engineer every facility for obtaining such information as he may require in compilation of said work.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the completion of the work, the Governor shall authorize the Auditor to issue his warrant for the sum to be received under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 167.

To repeal section one of an act entitled "An act to define more fully the powers and duties of the Board of Registration and Supervisors thereof for the registration of the Qualified Voters of the State," approved September nineteen (19), eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and to make other provisions respecting the same.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That section one of an act entitled an act to define more fully the powers and duties of the Board of Registration and Supervisors thereof, for the registration of the qualified voters of the State, approved September nineteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Board of Registration to publish a transcript, in pamphlet form, of the constitutional, naturalization and other laws pertaining to the qualifications of electors, and shall cause ten copies to be sent to each Board of Supervisors in the various parishes and districts in the State, for the guidance of said supervisors in making said registration, said copies shall be forwarded, with other books, etc., forthwith to the Supervisors of Registration.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 168.

Authorizing the Appointment of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wardell as Curatrix of an Interdict.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wardell, of the parish of St. Helena, is hereby appointed curatrix of her brother Augustus Cæsar Bowers, now inmate of the asylum for insane persons at Jackson, Louisiana; and that she is authorized to assume said trust upon complying with all existing laws in relation to curators, except that of giving security; provided, however, that a family meeting, duly convened in the name and behalf of said insane person shall first confirm the said appointment, and approve the exemption from giving security.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 169.

For the relief of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, The rights and property of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the city of New Orleans were infringed upon and taken possession of by the city government of illegal ordinances passed by the City Council, April seventh, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, to the great loss and damage of said church; therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed and authorized to pay the sum of three thousand dollars to the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the city of New Orleans, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated upon the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts, which he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to said trustees.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 170.

Relative to the Adjournment of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the session of the present General Assembly is to be counted as commencing on the twenty-ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and that by constitutional limitation it will expire on the twenty-sixth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and that it is not competent for the General Assembly to take a recess that will enable them to sit after the period of one hundred and twenty days, counting from the twenty-ninth day of June.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the General Assembly do close its present session on Tuesday, October twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 171.

For the relief of Charles E. Fortier and Mrs. Hypolite Fortier.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of three thousand dollars, with five per cent interest thereon per annum from April sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, one-half to be paid to Charles E. Fortier and one half to Mrs. Hypolite Fortier upon the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts to satisfy a judgment obtained by them against the State in the Sixth District Court of New Orleans, March fourteen, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 20, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 172.

Defining the Duties of Notaries Public and Sheriffs for the Parish of Orleans in Certain Cases.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it shall be the duty of every Notary Public and Sheriff of the parish of Orleans, before passing any act or deed of sale, to demand a certificate from the Register of Conveyances showing that the vendor had not alienated in any other way the property about to be sold by him, said certificate to give a clear description of said property, and the fee of two dollars for said certificates, shall be paid by the vendor of said property.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That any Notary Public or Sheriff in the parish aforesaid neglecting to procure the aforesaid certificate before passing any sale as aforesaid, shall be liable to a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and costs of court, one-half for the benefit of the complainant and the other half for the benefit of the State.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act are hereby repealed; and this act take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

JOINT RESOLUTION [No. 177.

Informing the Governor of the Adjournment of the General Assembly.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That a committee of two members on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House be and the same is hereby appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana will adjourn this day *sine die*, and that they are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to transmit to the General Assembly.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 179.

To amend an act entitled an "act in relation to the trial of contested election cases in the parish of Orleans, approved July twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, be amended so as to read as follows, viz:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the District Courts of the parish of Orleans shall proceed within twenty days from the passage of this act to hold a special term to try all cases of contested elections pending before them, and for that purpose the judges of the said Courts shall order the sheriff of the two coroners of the parish of Orleans, if the sheriff is interested, to draw and summon a sufficient number of persons to serve as jurors whose names shall be taken from the list of voters, said jurors shall try and determine all cases of contested election in which a jury has been prayed for by either party. Should the sheriff be interested, the judge shall call upon the coroners to draw and summon the jury as provided for in the first section of this act, then the said coroners shall respectively serve the summons for jurors residing within the limits for which they are coroners, and shall make due return of the manner in which they have drawn said jury, signed by both of them, and also returns of the service of the summons signed by the Coroner making them. Said returns shall be immediately made to the Court ordering the jury.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor, and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 178

Entitled an Act for the Relief of Martha Waters.

WHEREAS, Martha Waters was robbed of four hundred and ninety-five dollars in money and effects and suffered personal violence and abuse at the hands of rioters in the city of New Orleans, on July the thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be paid to Martha Waters on the warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 180.

For the Relief of Frank Huguet.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars and nine cents be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Frank Huguet, of the parish of East Baton Rouge, being the amount due him for articles furnished the State Library and State House grounds.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 181.

For the Relief of James R. Andrews, late Sheriff and Tax Collector of the Parish of Rapides.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be and is hereby authorized to settle with James R. Andrews, late Tax Collector of the parish of Rapides, for taxes of 1866 and licenses of 1867, and to allow him deductions and commissions as if he had settled within the time prescribed by law.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall go into effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

JOINT RESOLUTION [No. 182.

Instructing and Requiring the Committee appointed to Revise the Statutes of the State of a general character to Revise the Civil Code and Code of Practice.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the committee appointed to revise the statutes of the State of a general character be and they are hereby instructed to select one or more commissioners to revise the Civil Code and Code of Practice of the State at the same time and report their progress to the General Assembly at its next session.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor, and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No.183.

For the Relief of A. E. Lockett.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of eighty-five ($85) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of A. E. Lockett to refund to her the amount of State taxes overpaid by her as a retail merchant to the Sheriff of the parish of Bienville, and that said amount shall be paid on her warrant on the Auditor of Public Accounts.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved October 21, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT [No. 184.

Supplementary to an act entitled "an act to Incorporate the New Orleans Mechanic Society," passed February, seventeenth one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Mechanic Society for the further encouragement of industry