

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Dexter.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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### AN ACT Relating to Duties of the Attorney General.

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

**R. S., c. 20, § 9, amended.** Section 9 of chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Consult with and advise county attorneys.** The Attorney General shall consult with and advise the county attorneys in matters relating to their duties, ~~and if.~~ If in his judgment the public interest so requires, he shall assist them by attending the grand jury in the examination of a case in which the accused is charged with treason or murder, and **if in his judgment the public interest so requires, he shall appear** for the State in the trial of indictments for treason or murder. He may ~~also~~ **also** institute and conduct prosecutions for all offenses against ~~the provisions of~~ chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9, and for that purpose attend and present evidence to grand juries and assist them in the examination of witnesses and drawing indictments. He may ~~also~~, in his discretion, act in place of or with the county attorneys, or any of them, in instituting and conducting prosecutions for crime, and is invested, for that purpose, with all the rights, powers and privileges of each and all of them. **Any or all of the powers and duties enumerated in this section may, at the discretion of the Attorney General, be delegated to and performed by, the deputy attorney general or any assistant attorney general. Provided, however, that the** The authority given ~~to the Attorney General~~ under this section shall not be construed to deny or limit ~~his~~ the duty and authority of the Attorney General as heretofore authorized, either by statute or under the common law.'