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## CHAPTER 16.

## County Treasurers.

**Sec. 1. Treasurer to be chosen every four years; persons not eligible.** R. S. c. 13, § 1. 1917, c. 118. In each county some resident thereof shall, on the second Monday of September, nineteen hundred eighteen, and every four years thereafter, be chosen treasurer by the ballots of persons authorized by the constitution to vote for representatives. Neither the attorney-general, county attorney, clerk of courts, sheriff of the county, nor any of his deputies shall be county treasurer.

See Const. Me., Art. ix, § 2.

**Sec. 2. Elections, when and how held; notice to county commissioners.** R. S. c. 13, § 2. The meetings for election of treasurers shall be notified, held, and all proceedings therein regulated, returns made, and proceedings thereon had, as provided in section two of chapter fifteen; and the governor and council shall forthwith notify the county commissioners of the county where such person resides, of his election.

<sup>25</sup> Me. 568.

**Sec. 3. Bond and tenure of office.** R. S. c. 13, § 3. 1919, c. 29. The person so elected and accepting shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the commissioners order and with such sureties as they approve in writing thereon, and shall hold his office for four years from the first day of the next January, and until another is chosen and qualified in his place.

See c. 2, § 56; c. 148, § 14; 69 Me. 364, 366.

**Sec. 4. Vacancy filled by appointment; new treasurer to be chosen at next biennial election.** R. S. c. 13, § 4. 1921, c. 8. If a person so chosen declines to accept, or a vacancy occurs, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint a suitable resident of the county, who, having accepted the trust, given bond, and been sworn, shall be treasurer until the first day of January following the next biennial election, at which said election a treasurer shall be chosen for the remainder of the term, if any; but in any event he shall hold office until another is chosen and qualified.

**Sec. 5. Deputy treasurer of Cumberland county; appointment; bond.** 1927, c. 117, § 1. The treasurer of Cumberland county may appoint a deputy treasurer who shall assist the treasurer in performing the duties of his office. Such deputy treasurer shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the county commissioners order and with such sureties as they approve in writing thereon, the premium of such bond to be met by the county.

**Sec. 6. Treasurer to account to county commissioners; may enforce payment of taxes.** R. S. c. 13, § 5. The treasurer shall apply all moneys received by him for the use of the county, toward defraying its expenses, as the county commissioners, and the supreme judicial or superior court by their written order direct; each treasurer shall account with the commissioners of his county for all receipts and payments. He may enforce payment of taxes, in the manner prescribed for the treasurer of state.

See c. 13, §§ 56, 57, 58, 85, 94, 95, 100; c. 14, §§ 42, 48, 49, 53, 71; 62 Me. 255.

**Sec. 7. Receive costs in favor of state.** R. S. c. 13, § 6. Costs in all civil actions in the name of the state on scire facias or other process, paid before

execution issues, shall be paid to the clerk of the court where the suit is pending, and be by him paid without deduction, to the county treasurer.

**Sec. 8. Treasurers to make annual statement of financial standing; publish same for distribution.** R. S. c. 13, § 7. Each treasurer shall, at the end of each year, in connection with the commissioners, make a statement of the financial condition of the county, showing in detail all moneys received into and paid out of its treasury, including a statement in detail of all sums received under section twenty-one of chapter seventy-eight and other facts and statistics necessary to exhibit the true state of its finances, including the number of weeks' board and expense of clothing furnished prisoners, and shall publish in pamphlet form, a reasonable number of copies for distribution among its citizens.

See c. 4, § 16.

**Sec. 9. Payments to county law libraries.** R. S. c. 13, § 8. 1921, c. 30. 1929, cc. 2, 134, 159. The treasurer of each county, except the counties of Aroostook, Kennebec, Lincoln, and York, shall pay annually to the treasurer of the law library association of his county, for the uses and benefits of the county law library, the sum of five hundred dollars. The treasurers of each of the following counties shall pay annually to the treasurer of the law library association of his county, for the uses and benefits of the county law library, as follows: (Aroostook); the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, of which at least five hundred dollars shall be expended annually by the Aroostook law library association for books for the library at the court house at Caribou in said county; (Kennebec); the sum of eight hundred dollars; (Lincoln); the sum of two hundred fifty dollars; (York); the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars. The treasurer of each county shall also pay to the treasurer of the law library association of his county all money received from persons admitted upon motion, to practice in courts of record as attorneys without a certificate from the board of examiners of applicants for admission to the bar.

**Sec. 10. Record of fines and bills of costs.** R. S. c. 13, § 9. He shall enter in a suitable book an account of all fines, forfeitures, and bills of costs accruing to the state, which are, from time to time, certified to him by the clerk of the judicial courts of the county, and he shall note in said book when any of said sums are paid.

See c. 148, § 1.

**Sec. 11. Annual schedule of securities taken on discharge of prisoners.** R. S. c. 13, § 10. He shall, within three months before the first Wednesday of each January, lay before the county commissioners a schedule of all notes and securities taken by the sheriff of such county for fines and costs on the liberation of poor convicts from prison, and by him delivered to said treasurer.

**Sec. 12. Also his own account, with county estimate.** R. S. c. 13, § 11. He shall, annually, prepare and deliver his account as treasurer to the close of every year, to the clerk of the county commissioners, to be by him enclosed with the estimates for county taxes made by said commissioners, and transmitted to the secretary of state.

See c. 13, §§ 66, 69.

**Sec. 13. Accountable to county commissioners.** R. S. c. 13, § 12. Every treasurer holding money or effects belonging to his county, shall, annually, and oftener if required, exhibit an account thereof to the county commissioners for adjustment.

69 Me. 364.

**Sec. 14. Account for money paid by U. S. for use of jails.** R. S. c. 13, § 13. He shall receive, for the county, all money paid by the United States for the use and keeping of county jails, and account therefor according to law.

County treasurers; duties as to fines and costs in criminal cases, c. 148, §§ 11-14.