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STATE OF MAINE  
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## Chapter 19.

### Department of Audit.

**Sec. 1. State auditor; salary.**—The state auditor shall be the head of the department of audit, as heretofore established. He shall be a certified public accountant or shall have had satisfactory experience as an auditor of public accounts. He shall be elected by the legislature by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention and shall hold office for a term of 4 years or until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are set forth in the subsequent sections of this chapter. In case the office of state auditor shall become vacant during a period when the legislature is not in session, the appointment of a person to fill such vacancy shall be made immediately by the president of the senate or if that office be vacant, by the speaker of the house, said person to hold office until such time as the legislature shall meet in regular or special session, and either confirm the appointment of said person or choose another person to fill the office during the unexpired term. He shall receive an annual salary of \$9,000. (R. S. c. 16, § 1. 1947, c. 405. 1951, c. 412, § 4. 1955, c. 473, § 4. 1957, c. 418, § 4.)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1955 amendment increased the annual salary of the state auditor from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The 1957 amendment, effective July 1, 1957, increased his annual salary from \$8,000 to \$9,000 and carried appropriations for fiscal years ending in 1958 and 1959.

### Sec. 3. General powers and duties.

**III.** To install uniform accounting systems and perform audits for cities, towns and villages as required by sections 24 to 26, inclusive, of chapter 90-A. (1957, c. 405, § 6.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment changed the reference in subsection III from sections 142 to 151, inclusive, of chapter 91 to sections 24 to 26, inclusive, of chapter 90-A. As only subsection III was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

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## Chapter 20.

### Attorney General.

**Sec. 1. Duties; salary; fees.**—The attorney general shall appear for the state, the secretary of state, the treasurer of state, the bank commissioner, the insurance commissioner, the head of any other state department and the state boards and commissions in all suits and other civil proceedings in which the state is a party or interested, or in which the official acts and doings of said officers are called in question, in all the courts of the state; and in such suits and proceedings before any other tribunal when requested by the governor or by the legislature or either branch thereof. All such suits and proceedings shall be prosecuted or defended by him or under his direction. Writs, summonses or other processes served upon such officers shall forthwith be transmitted by them to him. All legal services required by such officers, boards and commissions in matters relating to their official duties shall be rendered by the attorney general or under his direction. Said officers, boards and commissions shall not act at the expense of the state as counsel in any suit or proceedings in which the state is interested. The attorney general shall have an office in the state capitol and shall receive an annual salary of \$9,000 in full for all services and in lieu of all fees. He shall receive his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties while away from his home. During his term of service, he shall not be an officer or director of any corporation engaged in business for profit within the state of Maine.