

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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REVISED STATUTES  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

1954

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1955 SUPPLEMENT

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THE MICHIE COMPANY  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
1955

second 1955 amendment, which did not refer to the first amendment and did not incorporate the change made by it, inserted the words "the oil burnermen's licensing board" near the middle of the first sen-

tence. Both amendments have been given effect in the first paragraph of the section as set out above. As the second paragraph was not changed by the amendments, it is not set out.

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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 \$8,000. (R. S. c. 16, § 1. 1947, c. 405. 1951, c. 412, § 4. 1955, c. 473, § 4.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment increased the annual salary of the state auditor from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

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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 \$8,000 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. (1955, c. 473, § 5.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment increased the annual salary of the attorney general from \$7,000 to \$8,000. As

only the first paragraph was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

**Sec. 4. Public charities.**

Cited in *Belfast v. Goodwill Farm*, 150 Me. 17, 103 A. (2d) 517.

**Chapter 21.****Secretary of State.****Office and Duties.****Sec. 1. Secretary of state; office and duties; vacancy; salary; expenses; fees.**

The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of \$8,000. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.

(1955, c. 473, § 6.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment increased the annual salary of the secretary of state from \$7,000 to \$8,000. As only the second paragraph was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

**Chapter 22.****Motor Vehicles. Financial Responsibility Law.****Definitions.****Sec. 1. Definitions.**

“Antique motor car” shall mean any motor vehicle over 25 years old which is maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and which is not used primarily for the transportation of passengers or goods over any way;

(1955, c. 351, § 1.)

“Motor truck” shall mean any motor vehicle designed and used for the conveyance of property;

(1955, c. 51.)

“Owner” for the purposes of registration only shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association owning a vehicle or the mortgagor or the vendee in a conditional sales contract, and shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association owning a motor vehicle, or having the right to use the same, under contract, lease or hiring; except, however, the aforesaid definition shall not apply when said vehicle is engaged exclusively for the use set forth in paragraph E of subsection 1 of section 29 of chapter 48, or acts amendatory thereto; it shall not mean or include a person engaged in the business of renting Maine registered motor vehicles without drivers, as provided for in section 158; provided, however, that nothing contained in this definition shall require an owner or a common or contract carrier by motor vehicle operating under permit or certificate of the interstate commerce commission or the public utilities commission to register a motor vehicle leased by such owner or carrier for the purpose of augmenting such owner’s or carrier’s equipment, if such motor vehicle is properly registered by the owner or carrier in this or some other state;

(1955, c. 370, § 1.)

“Special mobile equipment” shall mean every self-propelled vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways, including road construction or maintenance machinery, ditch-digging apparatus, stone-crushers, air compressors, power shovels, cranes, graders, rollers, well-drillers and wood-sawing equipment