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STATE OF MAINE

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THE MICHIE COMPANY  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
1959

**Effective date.** — P. L. 1959, c. 361, this act shall become effective for the amending this section, provided in section 14 thereof as follows: "The provisions of week ending August 22, 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 sub-section III from sections 142 to 151, inclusive, of chapter 91 to sections 24 to 26, inclusive, of chapter 90-A. As only sub-section III was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

## 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 \$10,000 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.

For approval of certificate of organization of a corporation under chapter 53, \$10 in advance.

For approval of certificate of change of purpose under chapter 53, \$10.

(1955, c. 473, § 5. 1957, c. 129, §§ 1, 2; c. 418, § 5. 1959, c. 361, § 5.)

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

The first 1957 amendment increased the fee of the attorney general in the third paragraph from \$5 to \$10 and inserted the last paragraph set out above as the fourth paragraph of this section. The second 1957 amendment, effective July 1, 1957, increased his annual salary from \$8,000 to \$9,000 and carried appropriations for the fiscal years ending in 1958 and 1959.

The 1959 amendment increased the salary of the attorney general from \$9,000 to \$10,000 and carried appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1960 and 1961.

As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendments, it is not set out.

**Effective date.** — P. L. 1959, c. 361, amending this section, provided in section 14 thereof as follows: "The provisions of this act shall become effective for the week ending August 22, 1959."

### Sec. 4. Public charities.

Stated in *Pierce v. How*, 153 Me. 180, 136 A. (2d) 510.

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