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County Commissioners.

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Sec. 6. Salaries.

Cumberland, \$3,000,

Kennebec, \$1,500, except that the chairman of the board of commissioners shall receive \$1,750,

Oxford, \$1,800; chairman, \$2,000,

Sagadahoc, \$900,

Washington, \$1,500,

(1955, c. 270; c. 319, § 1; c. 445, § 1; c. 459, § 1; c. 470, § 1.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended five times by the Public Laws of 1955. Chapters 270, 319 and 445 increased the salaries for Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Washington counties respectively. Chapter 459 increased the salary and added the provision as to the salary of the chairman for Oxford county,

and c. 470 increased the salary and added the provision as to salary of the chairman for Kennebec county. As to Sagadahoc and Washington counties the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the counties affected by the amendments are set out.

General Powers and Duties.

Sec. 15-A. County audit.—Every county shall have an audit made of its accounts annually covering the last complete fiscal year by either the state department of audit or by qualified public accountants, recognized as competent auditors by their training and experience. Choice of such auditor may be made by the county commissioners.

The audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and procedures pertaining to governmental accounting, and in case of dissatisfaction with the audit made by others than the state department of audit, upon petition by the municipal officers of three or more municipalities, the state department of audit shall make another audit, and the parties making such audits shall have access to all necessary papers, books and records.

Upon completion of an audit, the auditor shall render a report to the county commissioners and a certified copy thereof to the state auditor, embodying the results of his findings with such suggestions as he may deem advisable for the proper administration of the county, and he shall also render to the state depart-

ment of audit a certified copy of an audit procedural form as prescribed by the state department of audit for governmental audits. (1955, c. 269.)

Sec. 15-B. Androscoggin county contingent account.—There is hereby established a contingent account for Androscoggin county. The county commissioners of Androscoggin county, after public hearing, may allocate from such contingent account amounts not to exceed in total the sum of \$15,000 in any fiscal year. Such allocations may be made to meet any expense necessarily incurred under any requirement of law. Said county commissioners shall determine the necessity for such allocations. At the close of each fiscal year there shall be transferred from county funds an amount sufficient to restore the county contingent account to \$15,000. (1955, c. 293.)

Sec. 18-A. Destruction of county records.—The old records of any county department which in the opinion of the head of such department are no longer of value to the county may be destroyed upon approval in writing of the county commissioners, the county attorney, the executive committee of the county bar association and the state librarian; but not otherwise. If any old record appears to have sufficient value, approval to destroy shall be withheld until said old record has been copied at the expense of the county by any photostatic, photographic, microfilm or other process which produces a clear, accurate and permanent copy or reproduction thereof and satisfactory provision is made for the permanent storing of such copies or reproduction in fireproof containers. (1955, c. 170.)

Sec. 19. Saturday closing.—County offices may in the discretion of the county commissioners of each county be closed on Saturdays in the months of June, July, August and September. (1953, c. 388. 1955, c. 236.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment, which became effective on its approval, April 19, 1955, deleted the words “except that of the clerk of courts” after the word “offices” near the beginning of the section.

Sec. 30. Temporary loans.—The county commissioners of Cumberland, Washington and Kennebec counties may, without obtaining the consent of their respective counties, raise, by temporary loan to be paid within 1 year from the time when the same is contracted out of money raised during the current year by taxes, sums not exceeding \$400,000, \$75,000 and \$50,000, respectively, in any year for use of their respective counties and cause notes or obligations of their respective counties with coupons for lawful interest to be issued for payment thereof as aforesaid. The county commissioners of each and every other county may without obtaining the consent of their county raise by temporary loans to be paid within 1 year from the time when the same is contracted out of money raised during the current year by taxes not exceeding 1/5 of 1% of the assessed valuation of their respective counties. (R. S. c. 79, § 27. 1951, c. 380. 1955, c. 438.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted “\$400,000” for “\$250,000” in the first sentence.

Sec. 30-A. Surplus funds.—Any county having unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand from a previous year or years may authorize its transfer, in whole or in part, for use in non-capital purposes as well as in capital purposes. (1955, c. 262.)

Fire Protection and Public Services for Townships.

Sec. 71-A. Assessment for fire protection tax.—The county commissioners of Aroostook county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Connor and Silver Ridge townships, and of Township 17, R. 4, and the county commis-

sioners of Piscataquis county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Medford and Orneville townships, and the county commissioners of Oxford county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Albany township to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, for the townships of Connor, Silver Ridge, Township 17, R. 4, Medford, Orneville and Albany. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon the townships an amount sufficient to provide for such protection, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurers to the state tax assessor not later than April 1 of each year. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 79 of chapter 16, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 82 of chapter 16. Collection of such fire protection tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes. (1955, c. 405, § 37.)

Sec. 71-B. Assessment for public services tax.—The county commissioners of Washington county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Prescott, Marion and Edmunds townships, to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, and public dumps for said townships. Said commissioners are authorized on behalf of the inhabitants of Topsfield, Lambert Lake and Brookton townships to enter into similar contracts or to take similar steps to provide public dumps for said townships. Said commissioners are authorized on behalf of the inhabitants of Baring to enter into similar contracts or to take similar steps to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, public dumps, public sewers and street lighting for said township. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon said townships an amount sufficient to provide for such services, said tax not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the valuation of said townships, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurer to the state tax assessor not later than April 1 each year. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 79 of chapter 16, and shall include such amount in the statements referred to in section 82 of chapter 16. Collection of such tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes. (1955, c. 405, § 37.)

Sec. 71-C. Assessment for fire protection tax.—The county commissioners of Oxford county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Milton township to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, for Milton township. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon said township an amount sufficient to provide for such protection, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurers to the state tax assessor not later than April 1 of each year. The state tax assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 79 of chapter 16, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 82 of chapter 16. Collection of such fire protection tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes. (1955, c. 288.)

Ferries and Toll Bridges.

Sec. 73. Ferries; tolls; bond; property appraised.

§§ 73-85 cited in *Beals v. Beal*, 150 Me. 80, 104 A. (2d) 530.

Meridian Lines and Standards of Length.

Sec. 94-A. Exception.—The provisions of sections 89 to 94, inclusive, shall not apply to the county of Kennebec. (1955, c. 108.)

Clerks of the Judicial Courts.

Election, Powers, Duties, Salaries, Fees, etc.

Sec. 98. Salaries.

Androscoggin, \$3,500,
Franklin, \$2,100,
Hancock, \$2,600; deputy clerk of courts, \$2,350,
Kennebec, \$4,000,
Lincoln, \$3,150,
Oxford, \$3,300,
Penobscot, \$3,900; deputy clerk of courts, \$3,100,
Washington, \$2,250,

(1955, c. 266, § 1; c. 327, § 1; c. 394, § 1; c. 445, § 7; c. 447, § 1; c. 459, § 2; c. 464, § 1; c. 470, § 2.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended eight times by the Public Laws of 1955. Chapters 266, 394, 445, 447, 459, 464 and 470 increased the salaries for Franklin, Penobscot, Washington, Lincoln, Oxford, Androscoggin and Kennebec counties respectively. Chapter 327 added the provision as to the salary of the

deputy clerk in Hancock county. As to Franklin, Lincoln and Washington counties, the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the counties affected by the amendments are set out.

County Attorneys.

Election, Salaries, Powers, Duties, etc.

Sec. 114. Salaries.

Androscoggin, \$3,500; assistant county attorney, \$2,700,
Cumberland, \$4,500; assistant county attorney, \$3,000,
Franklin, \$2,000,
Hancock, \$2,500,
Kennebec, \$3,000; assistant county attorney, \$2,000,
Lincoln, \$2,500,
Oxford, \$2,800,
Penobscot, \$3,500; assistant county attorney, \$2,500,
Sagadahoc, \$2,500,
Washington, \$2,400,

(1955, c. 440; c. 445, § 2; c. 447, § 6; cc. 448, 453; c. 459, § 3; c. 464, § 7; c. 469, §§ 1, 2; c. 470, § 3.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended nine times by the Public Laws of 1955. Chapters 440, 445, 447, 448, 453, 459, 464 and 470 increased the salaries of the county attorneys in Penobscot, Washington, Lincoln, Hancock, Sagadahoc, Oxford, Androscoggin and Kennebec counties respectively. Chapter 469, §§ 1 and 2, increased the salaries of the county attorneys in Franklin and Cumberland counties. Chapters 440 and 464 also in-

creased the salaries of the assistant county attorneys in Penobscot and Androscoggin counties, and c. 470 added the provision as to the assistant county attorney in Kennebec county. As to Washington and Lincoln counties, the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the counties affected by the amendments are set out.

Sec. 125-A. Assistant county attorney for Kennebec county; duties; term of office.—The county attorney of the county of Kennebec may ap-

point an assistant to be approved by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court. Said assistant shall take the oath prescribed for county attorneys and assist the county attorney in the ordinary duties of his office, in the drawing of indictments, in the hearing of complaints before the grand jury and in the preparation and trial of criminal causes. He shall, when directed by the county attorney, act as counsel for the state in the trial of complaints before judges of municipal courts and trial justices. The assistant county attorney shall hold his office during the term of the county attorney by whom he was appointed, subject to removal at any time by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court. (1955, c. 470, § 4.)

County Treasurers.

Election, Salaries, Duties, etc.

Sec. 130. Salaries.

Androscoggin, \$3,500,

Franklin, \$1,000,

Hancock, \$2,000,

Kennebec, \$3,000,

Oxford, \$2,300,

Penobscot, \$2,800,

Sagadahoc, \$1,500,

Washington, \$1,800,

(1955, c. 266, § 2; c. 287; c. 319, § 2; c. 394, § 2; c. 445, § 3; c. 459, § 4; c. 464, § 2; c. 470, § 5.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended eight times in 1955, by P. L., cc. 266, 287, 319, 394, 445, 459, 464 and 470, which increased the salaries for Franklin, Hancock, Sagadahoc, Penobscot, Washington, Oxford, Androscoggin and Kennebec counties respectively. As to

Franklin, Sagadahoc and Washington counties, the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the salaries increased by the amendments are set out.

Sec. 135. Payments to county law libraries.

Androscoggin, \$2,750,

Kennebec, \$2,500,

Knox, \$1,500,

Oxford, \$1,500,

Piscataquis, \$1,200,

(1955, cc. 35, 91, 93, 225, 232.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended five times in 1955, by P. L., cc. 35, 91, 93, 225 and 232, which increased the payments for the county law libraries in Piscataquis, Oxford, Androscoggin,

Knox and Kennebec counties respectively. As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendments, only the lines relating to these counties are set out.

Sheriffs and Their Deputies.

Election, Powers, Duties, Salaries, Fees, etc.

Sec. 149. Salaries.

Androscoggin, \$4,050,

Cumberland, \$5,500,

Franklin, \$2,400,

Kennebec, \$4,500,

Lincoln, \$2,400,

Oxford, \$3,500,

Penobscot, \$5,000,

Sagadahoc, \$3,800,

Washington, \$3,500,

(1955, c. 266, § 3; c. 319, § 3; c. 336; c. 394, § 3; c. 445, § 4; c. 447, § 5; c. 459, § 5; c. 464, § 3; c. 470, § 6.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended nine times in 1955, by P. L., cc. 266, 319, 336, 394, 445, 447, 459, 464 and 470, which increased the salaries for Franklin, Sagadahoc, Cumberland, Penobscot, Washington, Lincoln, Oxford, Androscoggin and Kennebec counties respec-

tively. As to Franklin, Sagadahoc, Washington and Lincoln counties, the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the salaries increased by the amendments are set out.

Sec. 150. Fees.

XV. Every deputy sheriff and court messenger, while in attendance upon the supreme judicial court or the superior court in their several counties except as provided in section 14 of chapter 103, shall receive for said attendance and service \$10 a day while the court is in session to run continuously from the commencement of such attendance and service until adjournment unless sooner released by the court, plus their actual travel at 20¢ a mile from their place of abode for each day's attendance. The superior court messenger of Cumberland county shall also receive \$10 per day for court vacation time, service and attendance when said service and attendance are authorized by a justice of the superior court. (1955, c. 267)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote subsection XV. As the rest of the section was not changed by the

amendment, only subsection XV is set out.

Sec. 152. Special deputies.—Whenever a state of war shall exist or be imminent between the United States and any foreign country, or whenever a state of emergency has been declared to exist under the provisions of chapter 12 relating to civil defense and public safety, sheriffs may appoint male citizens more than 18 years of age not eligible for military service as special deputies, who shall have and exercise all the powers of deputy sheriffs appointed under the general law, except the service of civil process. Such special deputies shall be personally responsible for any unreasonable, improper or illegal acts committed by them in the performance of their duties, but the sheriffs shall not be liable upon their bonds or otherwise for any neglect or misdoings of such deputies. (R. S. c. 79, § 168. 1955, c. 393.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment inserted in the first sentence the words "or whenever a state of emergency

has been declared to exist under the provisions of chapter 12 relating to civil defense and public safety."

Sec. 173-A. Pensions for dependents.—If a sheriff or deputy sheriff shall die as a result of injury received in line of duty, except while engaged in the duty of serving civil process, his widow, or, if none, his minor child or children, shall receive a pension equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pay of such sheriff or deputy sheriff at the time of his death, but in no case shall such pension be less than \$1,000. Such pension shall be paid to the widow until she dies or remarries and to a child or children until they die or reach the age of 18 years. The provisions of this section shall apply to deputy sheriffs who are not employed at regular salaries.

The county commissioners of each county are authorized and directed to pay such pensions from county funds. (1955, c. 362, § 2.)

Registers of Deeds.

Election, Duties, Salaries, Fees, etc.

Sec. 215. Salaries.

Androscoggin, \$4,000,
Cumberland, \$4,500,

Franklin, \$2,000,
 Hancock, \$2,500,
 Kennebec, \$5,000,
 Lincoln, \$2,800,
 Oxford, eastern registry, \$3,300; western registry, \$2,200,
 Penobscot, \$3,500, to be effective January 1, 1955,
 Sagadahoc, \$3,000,
 Somerset, \$3,400,
 Washington, \$2,500,

(1955, c. 266, § 4; c. 319, § 4; c. 324; c. 327, § 2; c. 394, § 4; c. 411, § 1; c. 445, § 5; c. 447, § 2; c. 459, § 6; c. 464, § 6; c. 470, § 7.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended eleven times in 1955, by P. L., cc. 266, 319, 324, 327, 394, 411, 445, 447, 459, 464 and 470, which increased the salaries for Franklin, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Hancock, Penobscot, Cumberland, Washington, Lincoln, Oxford, Androscoggin and Kennebec counties respectively. As to Franklin, Sagadahoc, Penobscot, Washington, Lincoln and Kennebec counties, the amendments were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. As the rest of the section was not changed, only the lines relating to the salaries increased by the amendments are set out.

Sec. 216. Fees.

The above fees shall be paid when the instrument is offered for record, except that fees payable by the state shall be paid monthly by the department or agencies requesting the recording, upon rendition of bills by the register of deeds. Said bills shall be paid within 10 days of receipt of same by the department or agency. (R. S. c. 79, § 232. 1947, c. 380. 1949, c. 404, §§ 1, 2, 3. 1953, cc. 50, 150. 1955, c. 84.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added all that part of the last paragraph that follows the word "record" in the first sentence. As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendment, only the last paragraph is set out.

Medical Examiners.

Appointment, Duties, Compensation, etc.

Sec. 244. Notice of finding of body.—Whoever finds the body of any person who is supposed to have come to his death by violence or by the action of chemical, thermal or electrical agents or following abortion, or suddenly when not disabled by recognizable disease or who has come to his death unexplained or unattended, shall immediately notify one of the municipal officers, a police officer or constable if in a city or town; or a member of the board of assessors if in a plantation; and if in an unorganized place, the most readily accessible of such officials in any city, town or plantation within the county. Such official shall immediately take charge of such body and retain custody thereof without moving the same, except as hereinafter provided, until the arrival of a medical examiner, the county attorney, the sheriff or a member of the state police. The official taking charge of said body shall immediately notify the county attorney or sheriff, who shall in turn arrange for the attendance of the most readily accessible medical examiner. If the body, where found, is in danger of being destroyed or damaged by fire, vehicular traffic or otherwise, or of being lost in any body of water, any person may take steps as may seem necessary for its preservation or retention prior to the arrival of the medical examiner, sheriff, a member of the state police or the county attorney, but in such event shall first, whenever practicable, exactly mark the location and position of the body. If no such danger exists, the body shall not be moved until the arrival of the medical examiner, the sheriff, a member of the state police or the county attorney, and until photographs have been taken or measurements and drawings have been made to record the physical facts relative to the location and position of the body, under the supervision of the

county attorney, the state police or sheriff, or unless the attorney general or the county attorney waives such requirements. After such photographs or such measurements and drawings have been made or have been waived as aforesaid and after the medical examiner has completed such examination as required of him in the following section, the body may be removed to a convenient place. The body shall not be finally released for embalming or burial, except by order of the county attorney or sheriff. If and when it shall appear to the county attorney that the case is one of probable homicide, he shall notify the attorney general of the fact. (R. S. c. 79, § 259. 1947, c. 190, § 2. 1955, c. 326, § 1.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote that part of the first sentence which precedes the first semicolon.

Sec. 245. Proceedings by medical examiner upon receiving such notice.—Upon notice that there has been found or is lying within his county the body of a person who is supposed to have come to his death by violence or by the action of chemical, thermal or electrical agents or following abortion, or suddenly when not disabled by recognizable disease, or any unexplained or unattended deaths, it shall be the duty of any person having knowledge of such death to notify the medical examiner of the county wherein the body lies and such medical examiner shall forthwith repair to the place where such body lies and take charge of the same, and before said body is removed, he shall reduce or cause to be reduced to writing a description of the location and position of the body and any and all facts that may be deemed important in determining the cause of death. He shall, upon authorization of the county attorney or the attorney general, make an autopsy in the presence of a physician and one other discreet person sufficient in his judgment to disclose such facts as may be attainable thereby which may be of assistance in determining the cause of death. He may compel the assistance of such physician and person, by subpoena if necessary, and he shall then and there at the time of such autopsy reduce or cause to be reduced to writing every fact and circumstance disclosed by such autopsy tending to show the manner and cause of death, which record shall be signed by himself and the witnesses who have attended, who shall in addition to their names subscribe their address and place of business. In case at the time of finding of such body there be no medical examiner available within the county by reason of vacancy in the office, incapacity or absence from the county, any medical examiner in an adjoining county may be notified, whose duty it shall be to attend and perform all duties prescribed by sections 243 to 253, inclusive, as though he were a medical examiner within the county. (R. S. c. 79, § 260. 1947, c. 190, § 3. 1955, c. 326, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote the first sentence.

County Offices.

Clerk Hire.

Sec. 254. Clerk hire.

Cumberland county: for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$28,000; deputy register of deeds, \$5,200; for clerks in the office of register of probate, \$14,200; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$10,104; for clerks in the office of the recorder of the Portland municipal court, \$5,980; for clerks in the office of county attorney, \$742; for clerks in the office of sheriff, \$728.

Franklin county: for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$1,600; for clerks in the office of register of probate, \$700; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$1,600.

Knox county: for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$2,620; for clerks in the office of register of probate, \$2,620; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$2,320; for clerk hire in the office of the county treasurer, \$180.

Oxford county: for clerks in the office of the register of deeds, \$4,000; for clerks in the office of the register of probate, \$2,000; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$2,000.

Sagadahoc county: for clerk in the office of register of deeds, \$2,964; for clerks in the office of register of probate, \$1,976; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$1,976.

(1955, c. 254; c. 266, § 5; c. 268; c. 319, § 5; c. 411, § 2; c. 459, § 7.)

Effect of amendments.—This section was amended six times by the Public Laws of 1955. Chapters 266, 319, and 459 increased all clerk hire for Franklin, Sagadahoc and Oxford counties respectively; cc. 266 and 319 were made retroactive to January 1, 1955. Chapter 254 increased the clerk hire for clerks in the office of the register of probate in Knox county. Chapter 268 increased the clerk hire for clerks in the office of the recorder of the Port-

land municipal court in Cumberland county, and c. 411 increased the clerk hire for clerks in the offices of the register of deeds and the register of probate in Cumberland county; although c. 411 did not give effect to c. 268, both amendments have been given effect in the paragraph relating to Cumberland county as set out above. Only the paragraphs changed by the various 1955 amendments are set out.

Fees in Waldo County.

Sec. 256. Fees in Waldo county.—All fees for copies of any public or official documents or records, of whatever nature, which may be payable to any county officer of Waldo county, shall be payable to the treasurer of Waldo county for the use and benefit of the county. (1953, c. 216, § 7. 1955, c. 231.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment deleted the words "and charges for the publication of notices required by law" after the word "nature" in line two.

Fees in Penobscot County.

Sec. 258. Fees in Penobscot county.—All fees and charges of whatever nature provided for by state law, except charges for the publication of notices required by law, which may be payable to any county officer of Penobscot county, shall be payable to the treasurer of Penobscot county for the use and benefit of the county. The provisions of this section shall apply only to county officers who are receiving salaries or per diem pay, but shall not apply to the sheriff and deputy sheriffs engaged in the service of civil process. (1955, c. 394, § 5.)

Fees in Kennebec County.

Sec. 259. Fees in Kennebec county.—All fees and charges of whatever nature, except charges for the publication of notices required by law, which may be payable to any county officer of Kennebec county, shall be payable to the treasurer of Kennebec county for the use and benefit of the county. The provisions of this section shall apply only to county officers who are receiving salaries or per diem pay, but shall not apply to the sheriff and deputy sheriffs engaged in the service of civil process. (1955, c. 394, § 5.)

Chapter 91.

General Provisions Relating to Towns.

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Sec. 28. Fees of town clerks.

The clerks shall receive for receiving and recording any instrument by law