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CHAPTER 411
COASTAL WARDENS

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§ 3651. Appointment; compensation; code; fees; other offices

The following provisions apply to coastal wardens:

1. Appointment. Coastal wardens are appointed by the commissioner.

A. Any person appointed a coastal warden shall first qualify under the written code of operation prepared by the commissioner, and approved by the State Personnel Board appointed under Title 5, chapters 51 to 61.

2. Hold office subject to the Personnel Law. They shall hold office under Title 5, chapters 51 to 61.

3. Compensation. Their compensation is determined under the Personnel Law.

4. Written code of operation. The commissioner shall prepare a written code covering the operating procedure of the coastal warden service which shall be effective when approved by the State Personnel Board.

5. Fees. Except before the District Court, they shall be allowed the same fees as sheriffs and their deputies for like service.

A. All fees allowed are to be paid to the commissioner for use of the State.

1963, c. 402, § 81.

6. May not hold certain offices. They may not hold any other state, county or municipal office for which they receive compensation.

R.S.1954, c. 38, § 8; 1957, c. 334, § 6; 1959, c. 331, § 1; 1961, c. 397, § 8; 1963, c. 402, § 81.

§ 3652. Powers and duties

Coastal wardens have the following powers and duties:

1. Wardens to enforce laws, make arrests and prosecute. They shall enforce all laws and regulations relating to sea and shore fisheries, except as otherwise provided.

A. They shall arrest and prosecute all violators.

2. Wardens may serve processes. They may serve all processes pertaining to chapters 401 to 417 or to other sea and shore fisheries laws and regulations, or to the enforcement of any of them.

3. Wardens have state-wide jurisdiction. They have jurisdiction and authority in all the counties of the State and in all the waters within the jurisdiction of the State.

4. Wardens have power to require aid. They have the same power as sheriffs to require aid in executing the duties of their office.

R.S.1954, c. 38, § 8; 1959, c. 331, § 1.

§ 3653. Sheriffs and police officers have powers of wardens

A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable and inland fish and game warden, within their respective jurisdictions, are vested with the powers of a coastal warden, except the powers provided in section 4457.

1. Fees, entitlement, disposition. When an officer acts under this section, the same fees shall be paid for his services as though he had performed them as part of his regular duty.

A. The usual recipient of the officer's fee receives the fees provided in this section.

R.S.1954, c. 38, § 9; 1957, c. 30, § 2; 1959, c. 331, § 1.

§ 3654. False personation of coastal warden

It is unlawful for any person to impersonate a coastal warden or to falsely represent himself to another person as a coastal warden.

R.S.1954, c. 38, § 134; 1959, c. 331, § 1.