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ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Notification to Attorney General on Petitions for Pardon and Commutation of Sentences.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 149, § 45, amended. Section 45 of chapter 149 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 45. Notice to county attorney and Attorney General, on all petitions for pardon and commutation of sentences.** On all petitions to the Governor for pardon or commutation of sentences, written notice thereof shall be given to the **Attorney General and the** county attorney for the county where the case was tried at least 3 weeks before the time of the hearing thereon, and 3 weeks' notice in some newspaper printed and published in said county~~, and if~~. **If** the crime for which said pardon is asked **or for which commutation of sentence is sought** is punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, **the Attorney General or** the county attorney for the county where the case was tried shall, upon the request of the Governor and Council, attend the meeting of the Governor and Council at which the petition is to be heard, and the Governor and Council shall allow ~~him~~ **said county attorney** his necessary expenses for such attendance and a reasonable compensation for ~~his~~ **said county attorney's** services to be paid from the State Treasury out of the appropriation for costs in criminal prosecutions. The Governor and Council may require the judge and prosecuting officer who tried the case to furnish them a concise statement thereof as proved at the trial and any other facts bearing on the propriety of granting pardon or commutation.'