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In Senate, June 1, 1961

Reported by Senator Wyman of Washington from Committee on Towns and Counties and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges  
and Recorders.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 89, § 254, amended.** Section 254 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 7 of chapter 372 of the public laws of 1959, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 254. Salaries of county officers.** The county commissioners, clerks of the judicial courts and their deputies, county treasurers and their deputies, sheriffs, registers of deeds, judges of probate, registers of probate, and judges and recorders of the municipal courts in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury in weekly or monthly payments as follows, except that the county attorneys and their assistants shall receive annual salaries from the State Treasury in monthly payments on the last day of each month, as follows, and no other fees, costs or emoluments shall be allowed them:

**Androscoggin County:** County commissioners, \$1,800; chairman, \$2,400; clerk of courts, ~~\$4,000~~ \$4,700; county attorney, \$4,000; assistant county attorney, \$3,200; county treasurer, \$4,000; sheriff, ~~\$4,750~~ \$5,250; register of deeds, ~~\$4,600~~ \$5,500; judge of probate, ~~\$4,400~~ \$4,500; register of probate, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,500; Auburn municipal court judge, \$3,300; recorder, ~~\$2,700~~ associate judge, \$3,000; Lewiston municipal court judge, \$3,700; recorder, ~~\$3,250~~ \$3,500; Lisbon municipal court judge, \$1,800; Livermore Falls municipal court judge, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,000.

**Aroostook County:** County commissioners, \$1,250; chairman, \$5,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,000~~ \$5,500; county attorney, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; assistant county attorney, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, \$3,000; sheriff, ~~\$4,500~~ \$5,000; register of

deeds, northern district, ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,000; southern district, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,500; judge of probate, \$4,000, register of probate, ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,000; Caribou municipal court judge, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; recorder, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,000; Fort Fairfield municipal court judge, ~~\$3,200~~ \$3,300; recorder, ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,250; Houlton municipal court judge, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; recorder, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,000; Madawaska municipal court judge, ~~\$2,400~~ \$3,300; recorder, ~~\$900~~ \$1,250; Presque Isle municipal court judge, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; recorder, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,000; Van Buren municipal court judge, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300; recorder, ~~\$1,400~~ \$1,250; Northern Aroostook municipal court judge, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300; recorder, ~~\$1,400~~ \$1,250.

**Cumberland County:** County commissioners, \$4,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,000~~ \$7,500; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$1,200~~ \$6,000; county attorney, ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,000; first assistant county attorney, ~~\$3,750~~ \$4,500; second assistant county attorney, ~~\$3,300~~ \$4,000; county treasurer, ~~\$5,000~~ \$5,500; deputy county treasurer, \$3,800; sheriff, ~~\$6,500~~ \$7,000; register of deeds, ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,500; deputy register of deeds, ~~\$1,000~~ \$4,500; judge of probate, ~~\$7,000~~ \$8,000; register of probate, ~~\$1,700~~ \$7,000; Northern Cumberland municipal court judge, ~~\$1,700~~ \$2,500; recorder, \$600; Brunswick municipal court judge, \$4,500; recorder, \$2,500; Portland municipal court judge, ~~\$3,500~~ \$6,500; recorder, ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,000; South Portland municipal court judge, \$3,500; ~~recorder~~ associate judge, \$2,000; Westbrook municipal court judge, \$3,500; recorder, \$1,500.

**Franklin County:** County commissioners, ~~\$700~~ \$900; clerk of courts, ~~\$2,400~~ \$3,400; county attorney, ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, ~~\$1,400~~ \$1,200; sheriff, ~~\$2,700~~ \$3,700; register of deeds, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,300; judge of probate, ~~\$1,600~~ \$2,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,200~~ \$3,300; Franklin municipal court judge, \$3,000.

**Hancock County:** County commissioners, \$1,200; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,500; deputy clerk of courts, \$2,350; county attorney, \$3,300; county treasurer, \$2,100; sheriff, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; register of deeds, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,500; judge of probate, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,900~~ \$3,500; Bar Harbor municipal court judge, ~~\$1,700~~ \$2,500; ~~recorder~~ associate judge, \$1,000; Western Hancock municipal court judge, ~~\$1,700~~ \$2,500; recorder, \$800; Ellsworth municipal court judge, \$3,000; recorder, \$1,000.

**Kennebec County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,750~~ \$1,850; chairman, ~~\$2,000~~ \$2,100; clerk of courts, ~~\$1,200~~ \$4,700; county attorney, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300; assistant county attorney, ~~\$2,000~~ \$2,200; county treasurer, \$3,750; sheriff, ~~\$1,800~~ \$5,300; register of deeds, ~~\$5,000~~ \$5,500; judge of probate, \$6,000; register of probate, \$1,000; Augusta municipal court judge, \$3,300; recorder, \$1,900; Gardiner municipal court judge, ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,400; recorder, ~~\$1,200~~ \$1,500; Hallowell municipal court judge, \$500; Waterville municipal court judge, ~~\$3,700~~ \$4,200; recorder, ~~\$1,600~~ \$1,900; Winthrop municipal court judge, ~~\$1,600~~ \$1,800.

**Knox County:** County commissioners, \$1,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,340~~ \$3,800; county attorney, ~~\$2,800~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, \$1,000; sheriff, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; register of deeds, ~~\$3,020~~ \$3,700; judge of probate, ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,700; register of probate, ~~\$2,400~~ \$3,000; ~~Rockland Knox County~~ municipal court judge, ~~\$2,400~~ \$3,200; ~~recorder~~ associate judge, \$2,000.

**Lincoln County:** County commissioners, ~~\$800~~ \$900; clerk of courts ~~\$3,500~~ \$3,800; county attorney, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, \$1,000; sheriff, ~~\$3,000~~

\$3,300; register of deeds, ~~\$3,200~~ \$3,850; judge of probate, ~~\$2,800~~ \$3,100; register of probate, ~~\$2,600~~ \$3,800; Lincoln municipal court judge, ~~\$2,800~~ \$3,000; recorder, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,000.

**Oxford County:** County commissioners, \$1,800; chairman, \$2,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,900~~ \$3,300; county attorney, ~~\$2,900~~ \$3,300; county treasurer, ~~\$2,300~~ \$2,700; sheriff, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,300; register of deeds, eastern district, ~~\$3,300~~ \$4,200; western district, ~~\$2,200~~ \$2,400; judge of probate, ~~\$3,800~~ \$4,000; register of probate, ~~\$3,300~~ \$4,000; Western Oxford municipal court judge, ~~\$1,300~~ \$1,400; Norway municipal court recorder, ~~\$800~~ judge, ~~\$2,700~~ \$4,000; associate judge, \$800; Rumford municipal court judge, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; recorder associate judge, \$800.

**Penobscot County:** County commissioners, \$2,250; clerk of courts, ~~\$1,350~~ for the year 1959 and ~~\$1,450~~ annually thereafter \$5,000; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; county attorney, ~~\$1,200~~ \$5,000; assistant county attorney, ~~\$3,300~~ \$4,000; county treasurer, \$3,250; sheriff, ~~\$5,500~~ \$5,700; register of deeds, ~~\$1,100~~ \$4,500; judge of probate, \$5,000; register of probate, ~~\$1,100~~ \$4,500; Bangor municipal court judge, ~~\$1,000~~ \$4,800; recorder, ~~\$3,500~~ associate judge, \$4,000; Brewer municipal court judge, \$2,000; recorder associate judge, \$1,200; Dexter municipal court judge, ~~\$1,700~~ \$2,000; Town of Lincoln municipal court judge, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,200; recorder, ~~\$1,600~~ \$2,000; Millinocket municipal court judge, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; recorder, \$1,600; Newport municipal court judge, \$1,700; Old Town municipal court judge, \$2,500; recorder, \$1,600.

**Piscataquis County:** County commissioners, \$800; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,150~~ \$3,400; county attorney, ~~\$2,200~~ \$2,500; county treasurer, \$1,000; sheriff, \$3,150; register of deeds, ~~\$3,150~~ \$3,600; judge of probate, \$2,600; register of probate, ~~\$2,650~~ \$3,000; Piscataquis municipal court judge, \$2,500; recorder, \$900.

**Sagadahoc County:** County commissioners, \$1,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,310~~ \$3,800; county attorney, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, \$1,600; sheriff, \$4,100; register of deeds, ~~\$3,150~~ \$3,800; judge of probate, ~~\$2,650~~ \$3,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,250~~ \$3,000; Bath municipal court judge, ~~\$3,300~~ \$3,450; recorder, ~~\$2,500~~ \$2,700.

**Somerset County:** County commissioners, \$1,000; chairman, \$1,200; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,700~~ \$4,000; county attorney, \$3,300; county treasurer, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,100; sheriff, ~~\$1,000~~ \$4,300; register of deeds, ~~\$3,800~~ \$4,300; judge of probate, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000; Western Somerset municipal court judge, ~~\$3,500~~ \$4,000; Pittsfield municipal court judge, \$2,500.

**Waldo County:** County commissioners, \$1,000; clerk of courts, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,800; county attorney, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; county treasurer, ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,200; sheriff, ~~\$3,600~~ \$4,000; register of deeds, ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,200; judge of probate, ~~\$2,650~~ \$3,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,900~~ \$3,200; Waldo County municipal court judge, ~~\$2,800~~ \$3,700; recorder, ~~\$1,500~~ \$1,800.

**Washington County:** County commissioners, \$1,800; clerk of courts, ~~\$2,500~~ \$2,900; county attorney, \$3,300; county treasurer ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,600; sheriff, ~~\$1,000~~ \$4,300; register of deeds, ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,300; judge of probate, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; register of probate, ~~\$2,800~~ \$3,200; Calais municipal court judge, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300; record-

er, ~~\$600~~ \$1,200; Eastport municipal court judge, ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,200; recorder, \$400; Western Washington municipal court judge, ~~\$3,000~~ \$3,300; recorder, \$1,200.

**York County:** County commissioners, \$1,750; clerk of courts ~~\$4,300~~ \$5,500; county attorney, \$3,700; **assistant county attorney, \$2,500; county** treasurer, \$1,750; sheriff, \$4,750, register of deeds, ~~\$2,500~~ \$5,200; judge of probate, \$6,000; register of probate, ~~\$3,700~~ \$4,500; Biddeford municipal court judge, \$2,200; recorder, \$1,500; Kennebunk municipal court judge, \$2,500; ~~recorder~~ **associate judge** \$1,200; Saco municipal court judge, \$1,800; ~~recorder~~ **associate judge**, \$1,000; Sanford municipal court judge, \$2,000; recorder, \$1,350; Yorkshire municipal court judge, \$5,000; ~~recorder~~ **associate judge** \$3,000.

The salaries ~~above~~ mentioned in this section shall be in full compensation for the performance of all official duties by said officers and judges. County commissioners shall allow to said officers all office expense, clerk hire and travel which are necessary, just and proper to the performance of their official duties.

After January 1, 1962 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, shall be payable by them to the county treasurer for the use and benefit of the county, but preserving the rights of sheriffs and their deputies to receive fees for service of civil process, and no county officer shall receive a private benefit from the labor of any person in the employ of the county.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Attorney General the sum of \$8,588 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$11,450 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to provide for increases in salaries of county attorneys and assistant county attorneys as set forth in section 1. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1961-62	1962-63
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
County Attorneys Salaries		
Personal Services	(1) \$8,588	(1) \$11,450

**Sec. 3. Effective date in certain counties.** The salaries set forth in section 1 as they relate to the Counties of Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Knox, Lincoln, Somerset and York, except the salaries of the registers of deeds, registers of probate and county attorneys and assistant county attorneys of these counties, shall be retroactive to January 1, 1961.

**Sec. 4. Effective date in certain counties.** The salaries set forth in section 1 as they relate to the Counties of Waldo and Washington, except the salaries of county attorneys of these counties, shall be retroactive to January 1, 1961.

**Sec. 5. Effective date.** The salaries as set forth in section 1 shall become effective October 1, 1961, except as otherwise provided in this act.