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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Positions of Deputy Secretary of the Senate and Deputy Clerk of the House.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 21, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 21 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘After the election of the President, the Senate shall proceed to elect by ballot a secretary, ~~an assistant secretary~~ a sergeant at arms, an assistant sergeant at arms, a postmaster, a doorkeeper and 2 pages.’

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 21, amended. The last 2 paragraphs of section 21 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

‘In case of vacancy in the office of such secretary or his absence or inability to perform the duties, the said duties shall be performed by his ~~assistant~~ deputy.’

If the Secretary of the Senate and his ~~assistant~~ deputy are absent at the time set for convening the Senate, their duties shall be performed by the Secretary of State or his deputy.’

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 3, § 22, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 22 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘The deputy secretary of the Senate shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of his office, and once appointed, shall be subject to the Personnel Law. The salary of such officer, based upon ability, formal

training, years of service, experience and other qualifications, shall be set or determined by the Legislative Research Committee. His work shall be performed under the direction of the secretary.'

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 3, § 23, amended. Section 23 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 23. Records; amendments

The secretary or ~~assistant~~ **the deputy** secretary of any Senate shall amend, according to the fact, the journal of said Senate, whenever empowered or required by authority of the same, or of any subsequent Senate.'

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 3, § 41, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph and the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of section 41 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

'After the election of the Speaker, the House of Representatives shall proceed to elect by ballot a clerk, ~~an assistant clerk~~ a sergeant at arms, an assistant sergeant at arms, a document clerk, a doorkeeper and 2 pages.'

'In case of vacancy in the office of such clerk, or his absence or inability to perform the duties aforesaid, the said duties shall be performed by his ~~assistant~~ **deputy.**'

If the Clerk of the House and his ~~assistant~~ **deputy** are absent at the time set for convening the House, their duties shall be performed by the Secretary of State or his deputy.'

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 3, § 42, amended. The last paragraph of section 42 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'The deputy clerk of the House shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of fitness to perform the duties of his office, and once appointed, shall be subject to the Personnel Law. The salary of such officer, based upon ability, formal training, years of service, experience and other qualifications, shall be set or determined by the Legislative Research Committee. His work shall be performed under the direction of the clerk.'

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 3, § 43, amended. Section 43 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 43. Records; amendments

The clerk or ~~assistant~~ **the deputy** clerk of any House of Representatives shall amend, according to the fact, the journal of said House of Representatives, whenever empowered or required by authority of the same, or of any subsequent House.

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 5, § 711, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 711 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'5. Legislative officers and employees. Officers and employees of the Senate

and House of Representatives of the Legislature, **except the deputy secretary of the Senate and deputy clerk of the House.**'

Sec. 9. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that the positions of deputy secretary of the Senate and deputy clerk of the House will assure a continuity of service.