

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Payson of Falmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Appointment and Duties of Deputy Attorneys General  
and Assistant Attorneys General.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 196, amended. Section 196 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

§ 196. Deputy and assistants ; appointment and duties

The Attorney General shall appoint a deputy ~~attorney~~ attorneys general, who shall serve during the pleasure of the Attorney General or until a ~~successor is their successors~~ are duly appointed and qualified. ~~His office~~ Their offices shall be at the Capitol and ~~he~~ they may perform all the duties required of the Attorney General by Title 13, chapters 1 to 21, and such other duties as the Attorney General may require of ~~him~~ them. The Attorney General may appoint such assistant attorneys general and such temporary deputy ~~attorneys general~~ attorneys general as the duties of the office may require with such powers and duties as he may delegate. The compensations of the deputy ~~attorney~~ attorneys general and such temporary deputy ~~attorneys general~~ attorneys general and any assistant attorneys general appointed shall be fixed by the Attorney General with the approval of the Governor and Council, but such compensations shall not in the aggregate exceed the amount appropriated therefor. The Attorney General shall biennially designate one of the assistant attorneys general to assist the members of the Legislature in the drafting of Acts and resolves. Such assistant attorney general shall devote all his time during the legislative session to this work, but shall not receive extra compensation therefor. The Attorney General shall instruct one of his assistant attorneys general to assist the State Tax Assessor in the enforcement of the inheritance tax law, except

that in the absence or inability to act of the Attorney General and deputy ~~attorney~~ **attorneys** general such assistant attorney general may perform all the duties required of the Attorney General by Title 13, chapters 1 to 21, 81 and 91, and the salary and expenses of such assistant attorney general shall be paid from the appropriation for salaries and clerk hire of said department.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 199, amended.** The 5th sentence of section 199 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any or all of the powers and duties enumerated in this section may, at the discretion of the Attorney General, be delegated to and performed by, ~~the~~ **any** deputy attorney general or any assistant attorney general.