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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Increasing Salaries of Various County Officers.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 1252, amended.** That part of the first paragraph of section 1252 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes which relates to the jury commissioners of Lincoln County, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Lincoln, ~~\$125~~ \$150;

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** The first paragraph of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 567 of the public laws of 1973, is further amended to read as follows:

The county commissioners, clerks of the judicial courts and their deputies, county treasurers and their deputies, sheriffs, registers of deeds, judges of probate and registers of probate in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury in weekly or monthly payments as follows, except that the district attorneys and their assistants shall receive annual salaries from the State Treasury in monthly payments on the last day of each month in a sum which will, in the year's aggregate, most nearly equal the annual salary, as follows, and no other fees, costs or emoluments shall be allowed them, **except as hereinafter provided:**

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended.** The 2nd to the 17th paragraphs of section 2 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, except for those parts which relate to the county attorneys, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

**Androscoggin County:** County commissioners, ~~\$3,587~~ \$3,784; chairman, ~~\$4,220~~ \$4,452; clerk of courts, ~~\$10,392~~ \$10,963; county treasurer, ~~\$7,702~~ \$8,125; sheriff, ~~\$9,759~~ \$10,295; register of deeds, ~~\$8,493~~ \$8,960; judge of probate, ~~\$7,649~~ \$8,069; register of probate, ~~\$7,860~~ \$8,292;

**Aroostook County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,899~~ \$2,003; except that one member of the board, designated by the board as chief administrative officer, shall receive ~~\$6,858~~ \$7,235; clerk of courts, ~~\$8,500~~ \$8,967; county treasurer, ~~\$3,693~~ \$3,896; sheriff, ~~\$7,913~~ \$8,348; register of deeds, northern district, ~~\$6,858~~ \$7,235; southern district, ~~\$6,858~~ \$7,235; judge of probate, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122; register of probate, ~~\$5,275~~ \$5,565;

**Cumberland County:** County commissioners, ~~\$5,486~~ \$5,787; clerk of courts, ~~\$10,080~~ \$10,634; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$9,450~~ \$9,969; county treasurer, ~~\$9,450~~ \$9,969; sheriff, ~~\$11,100~~ \$11,710; register of deeds, ~~\$9,450~~ \$9,969; deputy register of deeds, ~~\$7,560~~ \$7,975; judge of probate, ~~\$11,394~~ \$12,020; register of probate, ~~\$8,820~~ \$9,820;

**Franklin County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,583~~ \$1,800; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,066~~ \$6,399; county treasurer, ~~\$2,110~~ \$2,500; sheriff, ~~\$7,174~~ \$7,568; register of deeds, ~~\$6,066~~ \$6,399; judge of probate, ~~\$3,693~~ \$6,000; register of probate, ~~\$6,066~~ \$6,399;

**Hancock County:** County commissioners, ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,532; chairman, ~~\$2,700~~ \$2,848; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,750~~ \$6,066; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$4,100~~ \$4,325; county treasurer, ~~\$4,500~~ \$4,747; sheriff, ~~\$7,000~~ \$7,385; register of deeds, ~~\$5,750~~ \$6,066; judge of probate, ~~\$5,750~~ \$6,066; register of probate, ~~\$5,750~~ \$6,066;

**Kennebec County:** County commissioners, ~~\$3,376~~ \$3,561; chairman, ~~\$3,693~~ \$3,896; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,620~~ \$6,984; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$5,164~~ \$5,448; county treasurer, ~~\$5,275~~ \$5,565; sheriff, ~~\$7,913~~ \$8,348; register of deeds, ~~\$7,385~~ \$7,791; judge of probate, ~~\$7,913~~ \$8,348; register of probate, ~~\$5,275~~ \$7,791;

**Knox County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,733~~ \$1,828; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122; county treasurer, ~~\$1,852~~ \$1,953; sheriff, ~~\$5,971~~ \$6,299; register of deeds, ~~\$5,971~~ \$6,299; judge of probate, ~~\$5,275~~ \$5,565; register of probate, ~~\$4,000~~ \$4,220;

**Lincoln County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,583~~ \$1,670; chairman, ~~\$2,110~~ \$2,226; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,647~~ \$7,011; county treasurer, ~~\$2,216~~ \$2,337; sheriff, ~~\$7,385~~ \$7,791; register of deeds, ~~\$6,647~~ \$7,012; judge of probate, ~~\$6,330~~ \$6,678; register of probate, ~~\$6,436~~ \$6,789;

**Oxford County:** County commissioners, ~~\$2,250~~ \$2,373; chairman, ~~\$2,450~~ \$2,584; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,225~~ \$6,567; county treasurer, ~~\$3,165~~ \$3,339; sheriff, ~~\$7,385~~ \$7,791; register of deeds, eastern district, ~~\$5,908~~ \$6,232; western district, ~~\$3,587~~ \$3,784; judge of probate, ~~\$4,800~~ \$5,064; register of probate, ~~\$5,064~~ \$5,342;

**Penobscot County:** County commissioners, ~~\$3,482~~ \$3,673; chairman, ~~\$3,745~~ \$3,950; clerk of courts, ~~\$8,018~~ \$8,458; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$6,858~~ \$7,235; county treasurer, ~~\$4,537~~ \$4,786; sheriff, ~~\$7,913~~ \$8,338; register of

deeds, ~~\$7,385~~ \$7,791; judge of probate, ~~\$8,440~~ \$8,904; register of probate, \$7,235;

**Piscataquis County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,583~~ \$1,670; chairman, ~~\$1,899~~ \$2,003; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122; county treasurer, ~~\$2,200~~ \$2,321; sheriff, ~~\$7,774~~ \$7,568; register of deeds, ~~\$6,330~~ \$6,678; judge of probate, ~~\$5,500~~ \$5,802; register of probate, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122;

**Sagadahoc County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,583~~ \$1,670; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,330~~ \$6,678; county treasurer, ~~\$3,165~~ \$3,339; sheriff, ~~\$7,770~~ \$8,197; register of deeds, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; judge of probate, ~~\$5,908~~ \$6,232; register of probate, ~~\$6,330~~ \$6,678;

**Somerset County:** County commissioner, ~~\$1,583~~ \$1,670; chairman, ~~\$1,846~~ \$1,947; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; county treasurer, ~~\$3,007~~ \$3,172; sheriff, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; register of deeds, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; judge of probate, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; register of probate, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956;

**Waldo County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,477~~ \$1,558; clerk of courts, ~~\$6,647~~ \$7,012; county treasurer, ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,215; sheriff, ~~\$6,752~~ \$7,123; register of deeds, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122; judge of probate, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122; register of probate, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122;

**Washington County:** County commissioners, ~~\$1,899~~ \$2,003; chairman, ~~\$2,216~~ \$2,337; clerk of courts, ~~\$5,486~~ \$5,787; county treasurer, ~~\$4,748~~ \$5,009; sheriff, ~~\$6,594~~ \$6,956; register of deeds, ~~\$5,486~~ \$5,787; judge of probate, ~~\$6,014~~ \$6,344; register of probate, ~~\$5,486~~ \$5,787;

**York County:** County commissioners, ~~\$2,743~~ \$2,893; clerk of courts, ~~\$8,440~~ \$8,904; deputy clerk of courts, ~~\$5,592~~ \$5,899; county treasurer, ~~\$2,743~~ \$2,893; sheriff, ~~\$9,495~~ \$10,017; register of deeds, ~~\$7,913~~ \$8,348; judge of probate, ~~\$7,385~~ \$7,791; register of probate, ~~\$5,803~~ \$6,122.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2, amended. The next to the last paragraph of section 2, and the last paragraph as enacted by section 3-A of chapter 540 of the public laws of 1973, both of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The registers of probate for the various counties, except the counties of Cumberland and Kennebec, shall be allowed to retain charges for the publication of the notices required by law over and above the cost of the actual publication of said notices. The sheriffs and their deputies for the various counties shall be allowed to retain the fees for service of civil process, and the sheriffs and their deputies, not on a salary or per diem basis, shall be allowed to retain the fees for service of criminal process, and no county officer shall receive a private benefit from the labor of any person in the employ of the county.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, §§ 4 - 6, repealed. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

Sec. 5. Effective date. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 30, section 3, this Act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1974.