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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Full-time Deputies in All Counties.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, county budgets are being assembled for submission and approval by the 107th Legislature; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to enable the county commissioners to make compensation adjustments within such budgets for the coming year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

30 MRSA § 958, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 385, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 958. Full-time deputies in all counties; compensation

The sheriffs of all counties shall respectively appoint full-time deputy sheriffs, who shall serve at the pleasure of said respective sheriffs and whose special duty shall be to enforce the criminal laws in said counties and who shall be compensated at a rate not less than \$21 per day, or at a rate not less than \$23 per day if the deputy has:

1. Associate or higher degree in criminal justice. An associate or higher degree in criminal justice, with an emphasis on law enforcement from an accredited college or university; or

2. Completed basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Successfully completed the basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or its equivalent, as determined by the board of trustees of the academy, and has served at least 3 years as a full-time law enforcement officer in the preceding 4 years.

The minimum compensation rate shall not apply to any deputy sheriff who is in a probationary period or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

Such compensation shall be established by the respective county commissioners and paid from the respective county treasuries, together with such incidental expenses as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of said laws, bills for which shall be audited as provided in Title 15, section 1902.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the present time the commissioners of several counties are establishing salaries for full-time deputies. Therefore, it is the intent of this Act to enable such salaries to be established uniformly by the respective county commissioners and to provide a minimum rate of compensation.