

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 10.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE.

AN ACT in addition to chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section twenty-nine of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes is amended so as to read as follows:

4 *Sect. 29.* Whenever any building or vessel in part
5 or its contents is wholly or partially destroyed by fire,
6 unless the cause thereof is plainly evident, it shall be
7 the duty of the mayor of the city or the municipal
8 authorities of the town or plantation where the fire
9 occurs, to give notice thereof at once to the sheriff of
10 the county or his deputy; and said sheriff or deputy
11 shall thereupon immediately summon six good and

12 lawful men to appear at the place of the fire at a time
13 to be fixed as soon as possible to inquire when, how
14 and by what means the fire originated; and in case of
15 the non-appearance of any person so summoned, the
16 officer shall appoint some other person to complete said
17 number, and it shall be the duty of all persons so sum-
18 moned to appear and act under such summons unless
19 excused for reasonable cause.

SECT. 2. Sections thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two and
2 thirty-three of said chapter are amended by substitut-
3 ing the words "sheriff or deputy" in the place of
4 "judge or justice," wherever those words occur
5 therein.

SECT. 3. The fees of the officer and jurors for such
2 service, shall be the same as prescribed for the coroner
3 and jurors in cases of inquest upon dead bodies.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 22, 1873.

Reported from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, by Mr. HUMPHREY of Cumberland, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*