

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

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 port
5 or their contents are wholly or partially destroyed by
6 fire, it shall be the duty of the mayor of the city or
7 the municipal authorities of the town or plantation
8 where the fire occurs, to give notice thereof at once to
9 the sheriff of the county or his deputy ; and said
10 sheriff or deputy shall thereupon immediately summon
11 six good and lawful men to appear at the place of the
12 fire at a time to be fixed as soon as possible to inquire
13 when, how and by what means the fire originated ;

14 and in case of the non-appearance of any person so
15 summoned, the officer shall appoint some other person
16 to complete said number, and it shall be the duty of
17 all persons so summoned to appear and act under such
18 summons unless 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 29, 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.*