

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

No. 329.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT entitled "An Act to provide for a Better Adminis-

tration of Justice in certain cases."

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any trial, investigation or pro-2 ceeding, which it is the duty of a county attorney to con-3 duct or attend, is in progress, or is to be had, and which 4 shall involve a question of the faithfulness, integrity, 5 competency or any misconduct of a sheriff, a deputy 6 sheriff, a constable, officer of police, or any other official 7 charged by law with duties similar to the duties imposed 8 by law upon either such officers, any judge of the supreme 9 court, or the judge of the superior court of the county 10 within which such proceeding is to be had, shall, whether

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11 in term time or vacation, upon the application of the 12 county attorney designate some person other than any 13 such officer above described to serve subpœnas on wit-14 nesses, or any other processes in any stage of said pro-15 ceeding which are or may be ordinarily served by a sheriff 16 or his deputy. Any such summons, writ, or other pro-17 cess issued preliminary to, or in the course of, such pro-18 ceeding served by any person or persons so appointed, 19 shall have the same force and effect as if served by a 20 sheriff.

SECT. 2. Any persons so appointed by any judge as 2 aforesaid, shall be sworn by him to the faithful perform-3 ance of the duty for which he is thus designated. He shall 4 be entitled for his services to the same compensation to be 5 paid by the county within which he is appointed provided 6 for similar cases, and shall be subject to the pains and pen-7 alties for wilful neglect or other misconduct in the perform-8 ance of such duty as is provided by law for similar wrong 9 doing on the part of a sheriff.

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House of Representatives, March 8, 1895.

Reported by Mr. KNOWLTON of Portland, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.