

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 52

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred of the Public Laws of
1891, entitled, "An Act to create a Forest Commission and for
the protection of forests."

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

Section 1. Section one of said chapter is hereby amended
2 by striking out the word "two" in the fourth line of said
3 section and inserting in place thereof the word 'four' so that
4 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. The State land agent is hereby made forest com-
6 missioner of the State of Maine, and in addition to the salary
7 now received by him as land agent, he shall receive as com-
8 pensation for his services as forest commissioner four hun-

9 dred dollars per annum, and his actual traveling expenses
10 incurred in the performance of his duties, an account of
11 which shall be audited by the governor and council.'

Sect. 2. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended so
2 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

'Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the forest commissioner to take
4 measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of
5 forest fires in all plantations and unorganized townships, and,
6 to this end, he shall appoint such number of forest fire war-
7 dens to patrol the forests as may be necessary to carry out
8 the provisions of this act, assigning to each warden the terri-
9 tory over and within which he shall have jurisdiction. Fire
10 wardens, so appointed, shall hold office during the pleasure
11 of said commissioner, be sworn to the faithful discharge of
12 their duties by any officer authorized to administer oaths,
13 and a certificate thereof shall be returned to the office of said
14 commissioner. Said wardens shall perform such duties, at
15 such times, and under such rules and regulations, as the
16 commissioner may prescribe, and they shall receive as com-
17 pensation two dollars for each day of actual service. When-
18 ever a fire occurs on, or is likely to do damage to, forest lands
19 within the jurisdiction of any such fire warden he shall take
20 immediate action to control and extinguish the same, and for
21 this purpose forest fire wardens are hereby authorized to
22 summon to their assistance citizens of any county in which
23 said fire may be, and every person so summoned and assist-
24 ing shall be paid fifteen cents for each hour of service ren-
25 dered by him. Immediately after the extinguishment of a
26 fire the warden in charge shall make return, under oath, to

27 the commissioner, of the expense thereof, including the names
28 of the persons so summoned and assisting, with their post
29 office addresses, and the hours of labor actually performed
30 by each. All expense incurred under the provisions of this
31 section shall be paid from the funds appropriated to and for
32 the use of the forest commission.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 11, 1903.

Reported by Mr. CLARK from Committee on Legal Affairs, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.