

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 664

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, relating to coroners' inquests and the appointment of medical examiners.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and forty of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 sections:

'Sect. 14. The governor, with the advice and consent of
5 the council, shall appoint for a term of four years, for each
6 county in the State, one or more able and discreet men,
7 learned in the science of medicine and anatomy, to be medi-
8 cal examiners in said county.'

'Sect. 15. All medical examiners shall be bona fide residents of the county for which they are appointed.'

'Sect. 16. Whenever a medical examiner is notified by the attorney general, county attorney for his county, or any coroner of his county that any person has come to his death by violence and that an autopsy is necessary, he shall immediately make a complete autopsy in the presence of the coroner who has the body in charge. The coroner and medical examiner, if they deem it necessary, may summon one local physician as an assistant and witness, who shall also act as clerk and make a full and complete record of all the facts and circumstances tending to show the condition of the body and all vital organs and the cause and manner of death, which record shall be signed by the medical examiner and the assistant and delivered to the coroner.'

'Sect. 17. The fees of said medical examiner shall be twenty-five dollars for the autopsy and actual travel and expenses. The fees of said assistant shall be ten dollars.'

Sect. 2. Section thirteen of chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "inquest" and before the word "shall," in the first line, the words 'together with the record of the medical examiner,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. The evidence of all the witnesses taken at any inquest together with the record of the medical examiner shall, within ten days after the delivery of the verdict to

10 the coroner, be filed by the coroner with the clerk of courts
11 for the county in which said inquest is held and there re-
12 main open for public inspection. Coroners may employ a
13 stenographer for the purpose of taking such evidence, who
14 shall receive as compensation therefor the sum of six dol-
15 lars a day, and ten cents a hundred words for transcript of
16 notes, and six cents a mile for actual travel.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 17, 1909.

Reported by Mr. MONTGOMERY from Committee on
Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*