

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 748

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in relation to Coroners and Coroners' Inquests.

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

Section 1. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "to the coroner," in the fourth line thereof; also by adding to said section the following: 'The word stranger shall be held to mean a person having no residence or place of abode in this State; but such word shall not apply to persons residing in the State and on whose account reimbursement might be had from the State by reason of his having no pauper settlement within the State.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 11. Every coroner within his county, after the
12 return of an inquisition of the jury upon view of the dead
13 body of a stranger, shall bury it in a decent manner; and all
14 the expenses attending the burial and the expenses of the
15 inquisition shall be paid out of the State treasury, if the
16 coroner certifies under oath that the deceased was a stranger
17 not belonging to the State, according to his best knowledge
18 and belief; otherwise, the expenses of burial shall be paid to
19 the coroner by the town where the body was found, and be
20 repaid to such town by the town to which he belonged; and
21 the expense of the inquisition, by the county. The word
22 stranger shall be held to mean a person having no residence
23 or place of abode in this State; but such word shall not apply
24 to persons residing in the State and one whose account reim-
25 bursement might be had from the State by reason of his hav-
26 ing no pauper settlement within the State.’

Section twelve of chapter one hundred and forty of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole
3 of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 12. The coroner, if an inquest is held, shall be
5 allowed three dollars a day for his services and attendance
6 upon such inquest. The jurymen shall be allowed one dol-
7 lar and fifty cents a day and travel at six cents a mile. The
8 officer summoning jurors and witnesses shall receive fifty
9 cents for summoning each, and six cents a mile travel for

10 each juror and witness so summoned. In case no inquest
11 is held the coroner shall be allowed three dollars a day for
12 his services and his reasonable and necessary charges for any
13 materials furnished or labor performed. Such fees, ser-
14 vices and expenses to jurors, witnesses and officers shall be
15 paid directly to the parties to whom they are due, upon the
16 coroner's certificate, supported by proper vouchers, that the
17 amount is thus due. There shall be paid to the party giving
18 the coroner notice that a dead body has been found, to the
19 person who picked up said dead body, and to the person who
20 had the care of such body until taken care of by the coroner,
21 a reasonable compensation for their services, but in no event
22 to exceed two dollars for rendering either of the foregoing
23 services.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 22, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*