

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE

NO. 288

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Conners of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section 69 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to appointment of Special Liquor Deputies by Sheriffs of the several counties, and relating to the fees of said Liquor Deputies.

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

Sheriffs of the several counties shall have authority to
2 appoint one special liquor deputy for every eight thousand
3 inhabitants of the county or fraction thereof, and with their
4 deputies and county attorneys shall diligently and faithfully
5 inquire into all violations of law, within their respective
6 counties, and institute proceedings in case of violations or
7 supposed volations of law, and particularly the law against
8 illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and the keeping of drink-

9 ing houses and tippling shops, gambling houses or places,
10 and houses of ill-fame, either promptly entering a complaint
11 before a magistrate and executing the warrants issued there-
12 on, or by furnishing the county attorney promptly and with-
13 out delay, with the names of alleged offenders, and of the
14 witnesses. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff or county attorney,
15 who shall wilfully or corruptly refuse or neglect to perform
16 any of the duties required by this section, shall be punished
17 by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprison-
18 ment not exceeding one year.

The attorney general shall take charge of all investigations
20 before the grand jury in case of refusal or neglect of any
21 sheriff, deputy sheriff or county attorney, to perform any
22 of the duties required by this section, and in case of the
23 finding of an indictment to conduct all subsequent proceed-
24 ings in court in behalf of the state as prosecuting attorney.
25 In all such prosecutions the attorney general shall act in
26 place of the county attorney, and is hereby invested with all
27 the rights, powers and privileges of the county attorney for
28 that purpose, the powers of the county attorney with respect
29 to prosecutions under this section being hereby suspended.

For services under this section deputy sheriffs shall re-
31 ceive three dollars per day, and the fees for travel as for
32 the service of warrants in criminal cases, together with such
33 necessary incidental expenses as are just and proper; bills
34 for which shall be audited by the county commissioners, and
35 paid from the county treasury. But said commissioners shall

36 not allow any per diem compensation to said sheriffs, or
37 their deputies, for any day for which said sheriffs or their
38 deputies are entitled to fees or compensation for attendance
39 at of service in any court. The provisions of this section
40 as to compensation of sheriffs and their deputies, and the
41 provisions of section five of chapter one hundred and eight-
42 een shall not apply to the sheriff of Cumberland county, and
43 his deputies acting under the provisions of this section.