

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 366

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Russell of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to increase the number of medical examiners in the
several counties.

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

Section one of Chapter one hundred and forty-one of the
2 Revised Statutes of Maine of 1916 is hereby amended, by
3 inserting after the word "distribution" in the eleventh line
4 thereof, the following clause:—

In addition to the number of medical examiners in the
2 several counties, that the governor with the advice and con-
3 sent of the council is required, as aforesaid, to appoint by

4 this act; the governor may, however, with the advice and
5 consent of the council appoint as many more medical ex-
6 aminers in the several counties as he deems necessary and
7 proper,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
8 lows:—

'Section 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint for a term of four years, medical
3 examiners for each county in the state, who shall be able and
4 discreet men, learned in the science of medicine and
5 anatomy, and bona fide residents of the county for which
6 they are appointed. The number of medical examiners so to
7 be appointed shall be as follows: For the counties of Knox,
8 Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo, one each; for the counties
9 of Androscoggin, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Piscataquis,
10 Somerset and Washington, two each; for the counties of
11 Aroostook, Cumberland, Kennebec, Penobscot and York,
12 three each; and they shall be appointed with reference to
13 territorial distribution. In addition to the number of medi-
14 cal examiners in the several counties, that the governor with
15 the advice and consent of the council is required, as afore-
16 said, to appoint by this act; the governor may, however, with
17 the advice and consent of the council appoint as many more
18 medical examiners in the several counties as he deems
19 necessary and proper.

They shall be liable to removal from office by the governor
2 and council at any time, for cause. Each medical examiner
3 before entering upon the duties of his office, shall be duly

4 sworn to the faithful performance of his duty. They shall
5 make examination as hereinafter provided upon the view of
6 the dead bodies of such persons only as are supposed to have
7 come to their death by violence or unlawful act.'