

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 16

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*In Senate, Jan. 18, 1917.*

*Referred to committee on Legal Affairs, and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Merrill or Somerset.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 16 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relative to the tenure of office of County Attorney.

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

Section 1. Section 16 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes  
2 of 1916 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the  
3 following:

‘Whenever the Governor and Council upon complaint and  
2 due notice and hearing shall find that a County Attorney has  
3 violated any Statute, or is not performing his duties faith-  
4 fully and efficiently they may remove him from office and

5 appoint another Attorney in his place for the remainder of  
6 the term for which he was elected,' so that said section as  
7 amended shall read as follows :

Sect. 16. Election of county attorneys; vacancies R. S.  
2 c. 81 Par. 16. County attorneys shall be elected and notified,  
3 their elections determined and vacancies filled in the same  
4 manner, and they shall enter upon the discharge of their  
5 duties at the same time as is provided respecting county com-  
6 missioners, but they shall hold office for two years. None  
7 but a permanent resident of the county shall hold such office,  
8 and removal therefrom vacates the office. Whenever the  
9 Governor and Council upon complaint and due notice and  
10 hearing, shall find that a county attorney has violated any  
11 statute, or is not performing his duties faithfully and  
12 efficiently, they may remove him from office and appoint  
13 another attorney in his place for the remainder of the term  
14 for which he was elected.'

See c. 7, par. 53; ch. 83, pars. 1-4; 71 Me. 384.