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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 273

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Murchie of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais, with
Reference to the Calais Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-three of the charter of the city
2 of Calais being section twenty-three of chapter three hun-
3 dred and twenty-five of the private and special laws of
4 eighteen hundred and eighty-three as amended by chapter
5 five hundred and fourteen of the private and special laws
6 of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended
7 by adding to said section the following provision: 'The
8 compensation of the judge in full for all services com-
9 mencing July first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, shall

10 be twelve hundred dollars per year payable quarterly from
11 the treasury of the county of Washington. All fees paid
12 to and received by said court shall be paid quarterly into
13 the county treasury and no salary shall be paid to said
14 judge until he shall file a full statement of such fees for
15 the preceding quarter with the county treasurer.' So that
16 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 23. A municipal court is hereby established in said
2 city of Calais, which shall be denominated the Calais mu-
3 nicipal court, shall be a court of record, with a seal, and
4 shall consist of one judge who shall reside in said Calais.
5 He shall cause to be entered on the docket of said court
6 all civil and criminal actions, with full minutes of the
7 proceedings in and disposition of the same, which docket
8 shall be at all times open to inspection, and he shall per-
9 form all other duties required of similar tribunals in this
10 state; and copy of the records of said court, duly certified
11 by said judge, shall be legal evidence in all courts. He
12 shall not act as attorney or counsel, in any action, matter
13 or thing within the jurisdiction of said court. The com-
14 pensation of the judge in full for all services commencing
15 July first, nineteen hundred and nineteen shall be twelve
16 hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly from the treas-
17 ury of the county of Washington. All fees paid to and
18 received by said court shall be paid quarterly into the
19 county treasury and no salary shall be paid the said judge
20 until he shall file a full statement of such fees for the pre-
21 ceding quarter with the county treasurer.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-four of said charter is hereby
2 amended by striking out the words "the judge" in the first
3 line of said section and inserting in place thereof the fol-
4 lowing: 'The governor, with the advice and consent of his
5 council' and by adding to said section the following pro-
6 vision: 'Said recorder shall be appointed for a term of four
7 years and as compensation in full for his services shall
8 receive three hundred dollars per year payable by the county
9 of Washington in the same manner as the salary of said
10 judge.' So that said section as amended shall read as fol-
11 lows:

'Sect. 24. The governor, with the advice and consent of
2 his council, shall appoint a recorder of said court, who
3 shall reside in said Calais. He shall be sworn by said
4 judge, and keep the records of said court when requested
5 so to do by said judge. In case of absence from the court-
6 room or sickness of the judge or when the office of judge
7 shall be vacant, the recorder shall have and exercise all
8 the powers of said judge, and perform all the duties re-
9 quired of said judge by this act, and the signature of the
10 recorder, as such, shall be sufficient evidence of his right
11 to act instead of the judge. In the absence of both judge
12 and recorder, any justice of the peace of the city of Calais
13 may preside for the purpose of entering and continuing
14 actions and filing papers in said court, and may adjourn
15 the same from day to day, or till the next regular term.
16 Said recorder shall be appointed for a term of four years,

17 and as compensation in full for his services shall receive
18 three hundred dollars per year, payable by the county of
19 Washington in the same manner as the salary of said judge.'