

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 327

House of Representatives, March 4, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create the Office of Commissioner of Decisions
and Laws and to Abolish the Office of Reporter of De-
cisions.

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

Section 1. The governor with the advice and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint a commissioner of decisions and
3 laws, who shall hold his office for four years, and until
4 his successor is appointed and qualified, and who may be
5 removed from office by the governor and council for cause.
6 He shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dol-
7 lars and his actual travelling expenses incurred in the per-
8 formance of his official duties. He shall devote his entire

9 time to the duties of his office and shall be provided with
10 suitably equipped offices in the State House. He may em-
11 ploy, with the consent of the governor and council, such
12 clerical assistance as may be necessary to properly per-
13 form the duties of his office.

Sect. 2. The commissioner of decisions and laws shall
2 perform all the duties imposed and shall have all the au-
3 thority conferred by law upon the reporter of decisions.
4 Section seventy-five of chapter eighty-two of the revised
5 statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. The commissioner of decisions and laws shall
2 during the periods between the regular sessions of the
3 legislature prepare revisions of the statutes and public
4 laws and report such a revision to the legislature when so
5 requested.

Sect. 4. The commissioner of decisions and laws shall
2 draft for state departments and members or committees
3 of the legislature such bills and resolves as they may de-
4 sire. No bill or resolve shall be printed as a senate or
5 house document until examined by the commissioner of
6 decisions and laws, and errors of form corrected and titles
7 made to truly and strictly indicate the subject matter there-
8 in. The duties imposed by this section shall be performed
9 under the direction of the president of the Senate and the
10 speaker of the House of Representatives unless otherwise
11 ordered by the legislature.