

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 299

House of Representatives, March 14, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Granville from Committee on State Lands
and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-nine of Chapter Eight of
the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Compensation of Chief
Forest Fire Wardens and Their Deputies.

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

Section sixty-nine of chapter eight of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "three" in the
3 fifteenth and the word "two" in the twenty-fifth lines of
4 said section, and the word "twenty" in the twentieth line
5 of said section, and substituting in place thereof the word
6 'four' in said fifteenth line, the word 'three' in said twenty-
7 fifth line, and the word 'thirty' in said twentieth line, so
8 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'The chief forest fire wardens, under the direction of the

2 commissioner, shall have general supervision of their re-
3 spective districts and of the deputy forest fire wardens
4 therein.

Each chief forest fire warden, when directed by the com-
2 missioner, shall patrol the forests of his district for the
3 purpose of searching out, extinguishing and guarding against
4 forest fires. He shall investigate and gather evidence re-
5 garding the cause of forest fires, enforce all laws relating
6 to forests and forest preservation, arrest all violators there-
7 of, prosecute all offenses against the same, and in this con-
8 nection shall have the same power to serve criminal pro-
9 cesses against such offenders and shall be allowed the same
10 fee as a sheriff, or his deputy, for like services, and shall
11 have and enjoy the same right as a sheriff to require aid
12 in executing the duties of his office. The chief forest fire
13 wardens shall perform such other duties, at such times and
14 under such rules and regulations as the said commissioner
15 may prescribe, and each shall receive as compensation four
16 dollars for each and every day of actual service, with an al-
17 lowance for actual necessary expenses for travel and sub-
18 sistence. The commissioner may authorize the employment
19 of suitable persons to assist the chief forest fire wardens in
20 patrolling their respective districts and every person so em-
21 ployed shall be paid thirty cents for each hour of service so
22 rendered by him and be provided with subsistence during
23 such period.

Deputy forest fire wardens shall perform such duties at
2 such times and under such rules and regulations, as the com-

3 missioner, or the chief forest fire warden of the district,
4 with the approval of the commissioner, may prescribe and
5 they shall receive as compensation three dollars and actual
6 necessary expenses for each and every day of actual service.'