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SENATE

NO. 210

In Senate, April 2, 1921.

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L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Increase Salaries of Certain County Officers and Amount of Money Allowed for Clerk Hire in Certain County Offices.

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

Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty2 one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, and forty-five of
3 chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes as
4 amended by R. S., c. 117, 37; 1917, c. 194, 1; R. S., c. 117,
5 38; 1917, c. 152 and 292; R. S., c. 117, 39; 1917, c, 167; R. S.
6 c. 117, 40; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, 41; 1917, c. 167; R. S.,
7 c. 117, 42; 1917, c. 39 and 173; R. S. c. 117, 43; 1917, c. 167;
8 R. S. 117, 44; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, 45; 1917, c. 153,
9 194, 236, 239, 223, 242; relating to salaries of county officials
10 and clerk hire, as amended by chapter two hundred fourteen
11 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as

12 amended by chapters two hundred forty-one, two hundred 13 forty-six, two hundred fifty-nine, two hundred sixty, and two 14 hundred sixty-one of the laws of the special session of nine-15 teen hundred and nineteen are hereby amended by striking 16 out all of said sections and inserting in place thereof the fol-17 lowing:

'Sec. 37. County attorneys of the several counties shall re-2 ceive annual salaries from the state treasury in monthly pay-3 ments on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, fifteen hundred dollars,
Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars,
Cumberland, two thousand dollars,
Franklin, five hundred dollars,
Hancock, seven hundred and fifty dollars,
Kennebec, fourteen hundred dollars,
Knox, seven hundred dollars,
Lincoln, five hundred dollars,
Oxford, nine hundred dollars,
Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars,
Piscataquis, seven hundred dollars,
Sagadahoc, seven hundred dollars,
Somerset, eight hundred and fifty dollars,
Waldo, five hundred dollars,
Washington, nine hundred dollars,

York, twelve hundred dollars, and no other fees, costs, or 2 emoluments shall be allowed them. The assistant county at-3 torney for the county of Cumberland, twelve hundred dol-4 lars. He shall hold his office during the term of the county 5 attorney by whom he was appointed subject to removal at

6 any time by the justice of the superior court for said county.'

'Sec. 38. Judges of probate in the several counties shall

2 receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties

3 in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as

4 follows:

Androscoggin, sixteen hundred dollars,
Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars,
Cumberland, three thousand dollars,
Franklin, six hundred dollars,
Hancock, fifteen hundred dollars,
Kennebec, two thousand dollars,
Knox, eight hundred dollars,
Lincoln, five hundred dollars,
Oxford, one thousand dollars,
Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars,
Piscataquis, eight hundred dollars,
Sagadahoc, nine hundred dollars,
Somerset, twelve hundred dollars,
Waldo, seven hundred dollars,
Washington, twelve hundred dollars,

York, twenty-five hundred dollars, and the fees to which they 2 are entitled by law, except the fee provided in section forty-3 nine of chapter one hundred and forty-five, shall be taxed 4 and collected and paid over by the registers of probate 5 to the country treasurers for the use of their counties.'

'Sec. 39. Registers of probate in the several counties shall 2 receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in

3 monthly payments paid on the last day of each month as 4 follows:

Androscoggin, sixteen hundred dollars. Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars, Cumberland, two thousand dollars. Franklin, nine hundred dollars, Hancock, one thousand dollars. Kennebec, eighteen hundred dollars. Knox, twelve hundred fifty dollars. Lincoln, nine hundred dollars, Oxford, fifteen hundred dollars, Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars, Piscataguis, twelve hundred dollars, Sagadahoc, one thousand dollars, Somerset, fifteen hundred dollars, Waldo, one thousand dollars, Washington, one thousand dollars, York, fifteen hundred dollars,

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for 2 the performance of all duties required of registers of pro-3 bate.'

'Sec. 40. The clerks of the judicial courts in the several 2 counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of 3 the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each 4 month, as follows:

Androscoggin, twenty-two hundred dollars,
Aroostook, two thousand dollars,

Cumberland, twenty-five hundred dollars, deputy clerk of courts, eighteen hundred dollars,

Franklin, fourteen hundred dollars,
Hancock, twenty-one hundred dollars,
Kennebec, twenty-five hundred dollars,
Knox, fifteen hundred dollars,
Lincoln, fourteen hundred dollars,
Oxford, eighteen hundred dollars,
Penobscot, twenty-five hundred dollars,
Piscataquis, fourteen hundred dollars,
Sagadahoc, two thousand dollars,

Sagadanoc, two thousand dollars,
Somerset, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Waldo, twelve hundred dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; beginning with the first 2 day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, fourteen 3 hundred and fifty dollars.

York, twenty-five hundred.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for 2 the performance of all duties required of clerks, including 3 those performed by them as clerks of the supreme judicial 4 court, superior and county commissioners' courts, or by 5 clerks pro tempore employed by them, except as provided in 6 section forty-five of chapter eighty-two of the revised stat-7 utes. They shall account quarterly under oath to the county 8 treasurer for all fees received by them or payable to them 9 by virtue of the office, except fees collected by them in nat-10 uralization proceedings under the act of Congress of June 11 twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, as amended by the

12 act of Congress of June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and 13 ten specifying the items, and shall pay the whole amount of 14 the same to the treasurers of their respective counties quar-15 terly on the first days of January, April, July, and October 16 of each year.'

'Sec. 41. The sheriffs of the several counties shall receive 2 annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly 3 payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, twenty-five hundred dollars,

Aroostook, two thousand dollars,

Cumberland, four thousand dollars,

Franklin, one thousand dollars,

Hancock, sixteen hundred dollars,

Kennebec, twenty-eight hundred dollars,

Knox, twelve hundred dollars,

Lincoln, eight hundred dollars,

Oxford, twelve hundred dollars,

Penobscot, twenty-eight hundred dollars,

Piscataquis, one thousand dollars,

Sagadahoc, fifteen hundred dollars,

Somerset, fourteen hundred dollars,

Waldo, twelve hundred dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; fourteen hundred dol-

2 lars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hun-

3 dred and twenty-one,

York, twenty-five hundred dollars,

Together with free rental of the house or living apartment 2 connected with the county jail in each county, including the

- 3 necessary light and fuel. Said salaries shall be in full com-
- 4 pensation for services in attendance upon the supreme judi-
- 5 cial court and upon the superior courts in the counties of
- 6 Cumberland and Kennebec as jailer, master or keeper of the
- 7 jail in each county, for receiving and committing prisoners
- 8 therein and for the service of all criminal processes and the
- 9 performance of all duties relating to the enforcement of all
- 10 criminal laws. Such necessary incidental expenses as are
- II just and proper, incurred in the performance of their public
- 12 duties, including all necessary expenses for aid in keeping the
- 13 jails, shall be allowed by the respective boards of county
- 14 commissioners of said counties and paid from county treas-
- 15 uries.'
 - 'Sec. 42. The county commissioners in the several counties
 - 2 shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the coun-
 - 3 ties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month,
- 4 as follows:

Androscoggin, seven hundred fifty dollars,

Aroostook, eleven hundred dollars,

Cumberland, fifteen hundred dollars,

Franklin, four hundred fifty dollars,

Hancock, seven hundred fifty dollars,

Kennebec, one thousand dollars,

Knox, four hundred dollars,

Lincoln, three hundred dollars,

Oxford, six hundred dollars,

Penobscot, twelve hundred dollars,

Piscataquis, five hundred dollars,

Sagadahoc, four hundred dollars,
Somerset, six hundred fifty dollars,
Waldo, four hundred dollars,
Washington, six hundred and fifty dollars,
York, eight hundred and fifty dollars,

Said salaries shall be in full for all services, expenses and it travel, including the management of the jails and workshops and the sale of their products, except actual necessary cash expenses incurred outside of their respective counties for the transaction of official business; all bills for such expenses

6 shall be approved by the clerk of courts and the county attor-7 ney of their county; excepting also, such expenses as are

8 provided for in section twenty-six of chapter eighty-three.

'Sec. 43. Registers of deeds in the several counties shall 2 receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in 3 monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as 4 follows:

Androscoggin, fifteen hundred dollars,

Aroostook, northern registry, one thousand dollars, southern registry, eighteen hundred dollars,

Cumberland, twenty-five hundred dollars,

Franklin, eleven hundred dollars,

Hancock, fifteen hundred dollars,

Kennebec, two thousand dollars,

Knox, twelve hundred and fifty dollars,

Lincoln, one thousand dollars,

Oxford, eastern registry, twelve hundred dollars, western registry, eight hundred dollars,

Penobscot, two thousand dollars, Piscataquis, twelve hundred dollars, Sagadahoc, eleven hundred dollars, Somerset, eighteen hundred dollars, Waldo, one thousand dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one,

York, fifteen hundred dollars,

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation 2 for the performance of all official duties and no other fees 3 of compensation shall be allowed them. All registers, ex-4 cept the western district of Oxford county, shall devote 5 their entire time to the duties of the office. They shall ac-6 count quarterly under oath to the county treasurers for all 7 fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of the 8 office, specifying the items, and shall pay the whole amount 9 of the same to the treasurers of their respective counties 10 quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and Oc-II tober of each year. They may make abstracts and copies 12 from the records and furnish the same to persons calling 13 for them and may charge a reasonable fee for such service, 14 but shall not give an opinion upon the title to real estate. 15 Fees charged by them for abstracts and copies shall be re-16 tained by them and not paid to the county.'

'Sec. 44. County treasurers in the several counties shall 2 receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties

3 in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as

4 follows:

Androscoggin, thirteen hundred dollars,
Aroostook, eight hundred dollars,
Cumberland, two thousand dollars,
Franklin, four hundred dollars,
Hancock, five hundred dollars,
Kennebec, fifteen hundred dollars,
Knox, four hundred dollars,
Lincoln, three hundred dollars,
Oxford, six hundred fifty dollars,
Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars,
Piscataquis, five hundred dollars,
Sagadahoc, five hundred dollars,
Somerset, six hundred dollars,
Waldo, four hundred dollars,
Washington, eight hundred dollars; seven hundred dollars,

Washington, eight hundred dollars; seven hundred dollars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one,

York, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Each of the counties above named shall pay the premium 2 on the official bond of its treasurer.'

'Sec. 45. The several county treasurers shall pay weekly 2 to the clerks employed by the several officials in their re-3 spective counties the wages to which they may be entitled 4 and shall take their individual receipts therefor. County 5 officials for who, provision for clerk hire may be made, 6 shall certify to the county treasurer the names of the clerks 7 and the weekly wages at which they may be employed.

8 Clerks shall be allowed a vacation not exceeding two weeks

9 in any one year without loss of pay. The total sums to be

10 paid annually to such clerks as wages shall not exceed the

11 following:

Androscoggin county: For clerks in the office of register 2 of deeds, twelve hundred and forty-eight dollars; for clerks 3 in the office of register of probate, one thousand and forty 4 dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven 5 hundred and eighty dollars.

Aroostook county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, of the northern district, one thousand dollars; for 3 clerks in the register of deeds for the southern district, 4 eighteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register 5 of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in 6 the office of the clerk of courts, two thousand dollars; for 7 expenses of clerk of courts and his subordinates while at 8 tending session of supreme judicial courts at Caribou, such 9 sums as allowed by courts.

Cumberland county: For clerks in the office of register 2 of deeds, thirty-eight hundred and fifty-two dollars; deputy 3 register of deeds eleven hundred and forty-four dollars; for 4 clerks in the office of register of probate, thirty-two hun-5 dred and seventy-two dollars; for clerks in the office of 6 clerk of courts, forty-three hundred and twenty-four dol-7 lars; for clerks in the office of recorder of the Portland municipal court, fourteen hundred and four dollars, and for 9 clerks in the office of county attorney, seven hundred and

10 forty-two dollars, and for clerks in the office of sheriff, 11 seven hundred twenty-eight dollars, for clerks in the office 12 of county treasurer, seven hundred and twenty-eight dol-13 lars. No clerk shall receive more than eighteen dollars per 14 week.

Franklin county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, five hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of reg-3 ister of probate, two hundred dollars; for clerks in the of-4 fice of clerk of courts, three hundred dollars.

Hancock county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, fifteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of 3 register of probate, six hundred and twenty-four dollars; 4 for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred dol-5 lars.

Kennebec county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, eighteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of 3 register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for 4 clerks in the office of clerk of courts, fifteen hundred dol-5 lars.

Knox county: For clerks in the office of register of deeds, 2 seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of 3 register of probate, five hundred and twenty dollars; for 4 clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred and 5 twenty-four dollars.

Lincoln county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, two hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of regis-3 ter of probate, one hundred and sixty dollars; for clerks in 4 the office of clerk of courts, two hundred dollars.

Oxford county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, six hundred and twenty-four dollars, and 3 such additional amount as may be authorized by the county 4 commissioner; for clerks in the office of the register of pro-5 bate, four hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of the 6 clerk of courts, six hundred dollars.

Penobscot county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, two thousand and eighty dollars; for clerks in the 3 office of register of probate, fifteen hundred dollars; for 4 clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, twenty-two hun-5 dred and fifty dollars; for clerks in the office of county at-6 torney, six hundred dollars.

Piscataquis county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars; for clerks 3 in the office of register of probate, three hundred dollars; 4 for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hundred and 5 eighty dollars.

Sagadahoc county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the 3 office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dol-4 lars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hun-5 dred and eighty dollars.

Somerset county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, fifteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of 3 register of probate, five hundred dollars; for clerks in the 4 office of clerk of courts, ten hundred and forty dollars.

Waldo county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, eleven hundred and forty-four dollars; for clerks 3 in the office of register of probate, two hundred dol-4 lars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, five hundred 5 dollars.

Washington county: For clerks in the office of register of 2 deeds, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the 3 office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dol-4 lars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hun-5 dred and eighty dollars.

York county: For clerks in the office of register of deeds, 2 two thousand dollars; for clerks in the office of register of 3 probate, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars; for clerks in 4 the office of clerk of courts, seventeen hundred and fifty 5 dollars.

All acts and parts cf acts inconsistent with this act are 2 hereby repealed.