

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 296**

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House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Cole Report. 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Archibald of Houlton.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT Creating the Office of Commissioner of Public Welfare and Defining His Duties.

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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 public welfare  
3 hereinafter called "commissioner" who shall hold office for  
4 the term of four years unless sooner removed by the gov-  
5 ernor and council.

Sect. 2. The salary of the commissioner shall be twenty-  
2 seven hundred dollars for the first year, twenty-eight hun-  
3 dred dollars for the second year, twenty-nine hundred dol-  
4 lars for the third year, three thousand dollars for the fourth

5 year, and thereafter if re-appointed, his salary shall be  
6 three thousand dollars a year during his term of office.

Sect. 3. The commissioner shall assume, perform and be  
2 charged with all the duties now performed by the governor  
3 and council in relation to the pensions of the blind, as set  
4 forth in chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the revised  
5 statutes and all amendments thereto. He shall assume, per-  
6 form, and be charged with all the duties now performed by  
7 the governor and council in relation to the care and aid of  
8 state paupers as set forth in chapter twenty-nine of the re-  
9 vised statutes and all amendments thereto. He shall assume,  
10 perform and be charged with all duties now performed by  
11 the state board of charities and corrections in relation to  
12 the state aid to mothers with dependent children, as set  
13 forth in chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public  
14 laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and all amend-  
15 ments thereto. He shall assume, perform and be charged  
16 with all the duties now performed by the state board of  
17 charities and corrections in relation to the protection of  
18 neglected children as set forth in chapter sixty-four of the  
19 revised statutes and all amendments thereto. He shall as-  
20 sume, perform and be charged with all duties now imposed  
21 by law on the state board of charities and corrections in  
22 relation to inspection of institutions and alms houses, the  
23 licensing of hospitals, and all other duties imposed by law  
24 upon said state board of charities and corrections, whether  
25 herein enumerated or not.

Sect. 4. Whenever the words "State Board of Charities  
2 and Corrections," occur in any statute, act or amendment,  
3 the words 'Commissioner of Public Welfare,' shall be sub-  
4 stituted therefor.

Sect. 5. Sections one and two of chapter one hundred  
2 and forty-seven of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sect. 6. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with  
2 this act, are hereby repealed.