

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 26

In Senate, Jan. 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Phillips from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Melcher of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-nine of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Fifty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, Relating to 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 as amended by chapter fifty-eight of the public laws of
3 nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by
4 striking out all of said section beginning with the words
5 "The commissioner may" in line eighteen of said section

6 and substituting in place thereof the following: 'Deputy
7 forest fire wardens shall perform such duties, at such times
8 and under such rules and regulations, as the commissioner,
9 or the chief fire warden of the district, with the ap-
10 proval of the commissioner, may prescribe. They shall
11 receive as compensation three dollars for each and every
12 day of actual service, with an allowance for actual neces-
13 sary expenses of travel and subsistence, except that when
14 in charge of fire fighting operations they shall be paid at
15 the rate of thirty-five cents for each hour of actual service
16 and be provided with subsistence during such service,' so
17 that the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 69. The chief forest fire wardens, under the direc-
2 tion of the commissioner, shall have general supervision of
3 their respective districts and of the deputy forest fire war-
4 dens therein. Each chief forest fire warden, when directed
5 by the commissioner, shall patrol the forests of his dis-
6 trict for the purpose of searching out, extinguishing and
7 guarding against forest fires. He shall investigate and
8 gather evidence regarding the causes of forest fires, en-
9 force all laws relating to forests and forest preservation,
10 arrest all violators thereof, prosecute all offenses against
11 the same, and in this connection shall have the same power
12 to serve criminal processes against such offenders and shall
13 be allowed the same fee as a sheriff, or his deputy, for like
14 services, and shall have and enjoy the same right as a
15 sheriff to require aid in executing the duties of his office.

16 The chief forest fire wardens shall perform such other du-
17 ties, at such times, and under such rules and regulations
18 as the said commissioner may prescribe, and each shall
19 receive as compensation four dollars for each and every
20 day of actual service, with an allowance for actual neces-
21 sary expenses of travel and subsistence. Deputy forest fire
22 wardens shall perform such duties, at such times and under
23 such rules and regulations, as the commissioner, or the
24 chief fire warden of the district, with the approval of the
25 commissioner, may prescribe. They shall receive as com-
26 pensation three dollars for each and every day of actual
27 service, with an allowance for actual necessary expenses
28 of travel and subsistence, except that when in charge of
29 fire fighting operations they shall be paid at the rate of
30 thirty-five cents for each hour of actual service and be
31 provided with subsistence during such service.