

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 53

In Senate, Feb. 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Croxford of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Ten of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-two of the Public Laws of 1919, Relating to Local Health Officers.

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

Section ten of chapter one hundred seventy-two of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amend-
3 ed by inserting after the word "health" in the eighth line,
4 the words 'and shall be one of the three members of which
5 the board consists,' and by inserting after the word "health"
6 in the ninth line, the words 'The municipal officers shall fix
7 and the town pay the salary or other compensation of the
8 local health officer who shall be appointed under the pro-

9 visions of this section, and shall audit all fees and charges
10 of persons employed by the local board of health in the
11 execution of the health laws, of the local ordinances and of
12 the rules and regulations of the state department of health,
13 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sect. 10. Every city, town and organized plantation shall
2 employ an official who shall be known as the local health
3 officer and who shall be appointed by the officers of the
4 municipality subject to the approval of the state commis-
5 sioner of health. Upon the failure to fill said office as
6 hereinbefore stated within thirty days after a vacancy oc-
7 curs therein the state commissioner of health may appoint
8 said official. The local health officer shall be ex-officio a
9 member and the executive officer of the local board of
10 health, and shall be one of the three members of which the
11 board consists, or at the option of the municipal officers,
12 may take the place of the local board of health. The munic-
13 ipal officers shall fix and the town pay the salary or other
14 compensation of the local health officer who shall be ap-
15 pointed under the provisions of this section, and shall audit
16 all fees and charges of persons employed by the local board
17 of health in the execution of the health laws, of the local
18 ordinances and of the rules and regulations of the state
19 department of health. He may be employed to devote a
20 part or all of his time to the performance of the duties of
21 his office. If employed to give his entire time and if he
22 possesses the qualifications of a district health officer as

23 stated in section six hereof, or is approved by the state
24 health commissioner on the basis of experience in public
25 health administration, the state department of health is au-
26 thorized and directed to pay from money appropriated to
27 said department of health for said purpose one-third of the
28 total salary of said official, not to exceed eight hundred
29 dollars a year, payment to be made directly by the state to
30 said local health officer.'