

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 703**

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S. P. 695            House of Representatives, March 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes and 500 copies ordered printed. In concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Abolishing the Office of Coroner.

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

Section 1. The office of coroner is hereby abolished.

Sect. 2. Section fifty-two of chapter eighty-five of the 2 revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. Section fifty-three of chapter eighty-five of the 2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole 3 of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 53. All writs and precepts in which the sheriff of 2 any county is a party, including those in which a town, 3 plantation, parish, religious society, or school district, of 4 which he is at the time a member is a party or interested,

5 unless served by a constable shall be served by the sheriff  
6 of any county adjoining that of which he is sheriff.'

Sect. 4. Section fifty-four of chapter eighty-five of the  
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole  
3 of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 54. While the office of sheriff in any county is  
2 vacant, all of the duties pertaining to such office shall be  
3 assumed and performed by the county attorney of the same  
4 county who, in such cases, is vested with the same power  
5 and authority which the sheriff would have.'

Sect. 5. Section forty-nine of chapter eleven of the re-  
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the  
3 second line thereof the words "a coroner" and inserting in  
4 place thereof the words 'the county attorney' and by striking  
5 out in the fourth line thereof the word "coroner" and insert-  
6 ing in place thereof the words 'county attorney,' so that  
7 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 49. When a sheriff or deputy is deficient as afore-  
2 said, such treasurers may direct warrants to the county  
3 attorney of the county, requiring him to distrain therefor  
4 upon the delinquent's real or personal estate; and the county  
5 attorney shall execute such warrants as a sheriff does on  
6 deficient constables and collectors.'