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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary. Presented by Senator Viles of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Fire Wardens.

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

R. S. c. 11, Sec. 77, amended. Section 77 of c. 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Duties of fire wardens and deputy wardens; employment of assistants. The chief forest fire wardens, under the direction of the commissioner, shall have general supervision of their respective districts and of the deputy forest fire wardens therein. Each chief forest fire warden, when directed by the commissioner, shall patrol the forests of his district for the purpose of searching out, extinguishing and guarding against forest fires. He shall investigate and gather evidence regarding the causes of forest fires, enforce all laws relating to forests and forest preservation, arrest all violators thereof, prosecute all offenses against the same, and in this connection shall have the same power to serve criminal processes against such offenders and shall be allowed the same fee as a sheriff, or his deputy, for like services, and shall have and enjoy the same right as a sheriff to require aid in executing the duties of his office. The chief forest fire wardens shall perform such other duties, at such times, and under such rules and regulations as the said commissioner may prescribe. and each shall receive as compensation \$4 for each and every day of actual service, with an allowance for actual necessary expenses of travel and subsistence. Deputy forest fire wardens shall perform such duties, at such times and under such rules and regulations, as the commissioner, or the chief fire warden of the district, with the approval of the commissioner, may prescribe. They shall receive as compensation \$3 for each and every day of actual service, with an allowance for actual necessary expenses of travel and subsistence, except that when in charge of fire fighting operations they shall be paid at the rate of thirty-five cents for each hour of actual service and be provided with subsistence during such service.