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House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1933.

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Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farris of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Providing for Consulting Medical Examiners.

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

Chapter 151 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections, to be numbered 12, 13, 14 and 15, and to read as follows :

'Sec. 12. Appointment of consulting medical examiners. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint for terms of 4 years, at least 3 consulting medical examiners, 1 from the eastern section of the state, 1 from the western section, and 1 from the central section. Such consulting medical examiners are subject to removal by the governor and council for such cause as the governor and council may deem sufficient.'

'Sec. 13. Qualifications. No one shall be eligible to become or remain a consulting medical examiner unless he is specialized in pathology, devoting his full time to such work in some recognized institution in the state affording an opportunity to perform post-mortem examinations in sufficient number to maintain a high degree of skill and efficiency. A recognized institution is defined as one fully equipped with the physical needs for the performance of post-mortem examinations; such as a well equipped operating room, a morgue, a tissue laboratory, and adequate facilities for the maintenance of proper records and the preservation of pathological evidence.'

‘Sec. 14. Duties. All post-mortems and autopsies provided for by this chapter instead of being performed by the medical examiner as heretofore provided shall be performed by one of the said consulting medical examiners or by his direction, and not otherwise.’

‘Sec. 15. Compensation. The compensation of a consulting medical examiner performing duties under this chapter shall in each case be determined by the attorney-general.’