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H. P. 1843

House of Representatives, March 27, 1941.

Reported by Mr. Walker from Committee on Counties and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Requiring Sheriffs to Search for Lost Persons.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and constables to have powers of wardens; wardens not to hold other offices; sheriffs to search for lost hunters and fishermen. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers and constables are vested with the powers of inland fish and game wardens, and shall receive for their services the same fees as those of inland fish and game wardens. State paid fish and game wardens and deputy wardens appointed under the 10 preceding sections shall hold no other state or county office from which they receive compensation. **Whenever it shall come to the attention of the sheriff of the county or his chief deputy that any person known to have gone upon a hunting or fishing trip, or a trip for any other purpose, within his county has not returned within a reasonable time after his departure, such sheriff or such chief deputy, with such aids as he deems necessary, shall search for such person and shall be entitled to reasonable fees and expenses for his services and of his aids to be paid by the treasurer of his county. Before the said sheriff or his chief deputy shall incur additional expense at the end of the first 24 hours' search, he shall**

obtain the consent of a majority of the county commissioners of the said county.'