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House of Representatives, February 18, 1947.

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Referred to Committee on Salaries and Fees. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Webber of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Complainant and Witness Fees and Costs of Police
Officers and Constables.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 129-A, additional. Chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 129-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 129-A. Fees of police officer or constable. No police officer or constable paid a salary or paid upon a per diem basis by a city, town or plantation shall receive any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest or for attendance at court but shall be reimbursed by such city, town or plantation for his actual costs of arrest and actual expenses of travel and attendance. Whenever any fines or penalties are imposed by any court in any proceeding in which such a police officer or constable is a complainant or a witness, said court may tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual manner to be paid after recovery by the county treasurer upon approval of the county commissioners to the municipality employing such police office or constable.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 133, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 133 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Limitation of costs and fees. No costs shall be allowed by such magistrate to complainants in any capacity; but this shall not prevent the allowance of their fees as officers to police officers and constables ~~com-
plaining under authority of their town, or when it is made their duty to
do so~~ or for their municipalities when such police officers or constables are paid a salary or are paid upon a per diem basis by such municipalities and such officers or constables complain under authority of their municipalities or it is made their duty to do so. No witness shall be allowed in a criminal case for more than one travel, or for travel and attendance in more than one case at the same time before any judicial tribunal.'