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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Hampden

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Salaries of Recorders and Judges of Municipal Courts,
Clerk Hire and Rentals of Such Courts in Penobscot County.**

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1895, c. 211, § 11, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 11 of chapter 211 of the private and special laws of 1895, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The salaries of the judge and clerk thereof, which are hereby fixed at ~~\$3,500~~ \$3,750 and ~~\$2,750~~ \$3,000, respectively, to be paid monthly, with all other expenses of said court, shall be paid from the treasury of the county of Penobscot, and in addition thereto there shall be provided the sum of ~~\$2,500~~ \$4,500 per year for clerk hire, to be paid monthly from said treasury; provided, however, that the county commissioners of said county may in their discretion expend a larger amount, not exceeding \$1,500 per year, for the employment of extra clerks.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1883, c. 260, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 260 of the private and special laws of 1883, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Salary of judge increased. The judge of said court may demand and receive the same fees allowed to trial justices for like services, except that he may demand and receive for a complaint and warrant in criminal cases, \$1; for the entry of a civil action, 50c; and for the trial of an issue, civil or criminal, \$2 for the 1st day and \$1 for each day after the first occupied in such trial; to be paid to him by the plaintiff in civil cases, before trial, who shall recover the same as costs if he prevail in the suit; and the said judge shall receive as full compensation for his services, including the keeping of the records of said court, a salary of ~~\$1,000~~ **\$1,300** a year, ~~beginning January 1, 1945~~ to be paid quarterly from the county of Penobscot; a condition preceding the payment of said salary as aforesaid, shall be the rendering by said judge of a correct and detailed statement to the county commissioners, and the payment over by said judge to the county treasurer, of all fees, both civil and criminal, collected by said municipal court for the preceding quarter or fractional part thereof. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the county of Penobscot to furnish and provide at the expense of said county, all books, blanks, and all necessary stationery and supplies required for the use of the municipal court in the town of Dexter, in the transaction of the civil and criminal business of said court, including proper books for the record of all cases arising in said court, **for which there shall be paid from the county of Penobscot, as rental, in quarterly payments, the sum of \$200 annually,** and such additional amount for clerk hire as may be authorized by the county commissioners.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1947, c. 85, § 1, amended. The 3rd sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 85 of the private and special laws of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'His salary shall be ~~\$750~~ **\$1,000** a year, ~~beginning January 1, 1951~~ to be paid monthly from the treasury of the county of Penobscot.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1909, c. 393, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 393 of the private and special laws of 1909, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Town may vote to provide a court room; county of Penobscot shall provide for rent, seal, etc. The town of Millinocket may, if it shall so vote, at any regularly held town meeting, provide a suitable court room in said Millinocket, conveniently situated and appropriately fitted up and furnished, in which to hold said court, and keep the same in proper condition for use, and it shall be deemed and denominated the court room, though used also for other purposes if approved by the judge, for which there shall be paid from the county of Penobscot, as rental, the sum of ~~\$750~~

\$900 annually, in quarterly payments. The county of Penobscot shall also provide for said court an appropriate seal and all blanks, blank books, dockets, stationery, and other things necessary for the transaction of its business; and said county is hereby authorized to appropriate money therefor.'

Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1949, c. 88, § 2-A, amended. Section 2-A of chapter 88 of the private and special laws of 1949, as enacted by chapter 146 of the private and special laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-A. Recorder; appointment, duties, compensation. The governor, with the advice and consent of his council, shall appoint a recorder, who shall be a resident of Penobscot county and an attorney at law licensed to practice in this state. In case of absence, sickness or disqualification of the judge, or at any other time at the request of said judge in order to expedite business, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of judge, said recorder shall have the same powers as said judge. The recorder shall be appointed for a term of 4 years and until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. He shall receive as compensation in full for his services the sum of ~~\$800~~ \$1,000 per year, to be paid monthly from the treasury of the county of Penobscot. **In addition thereto, there shall be provided such sums for clerk hire, payable weekly from the treasury of said county, as the county commissioners may in their discretion expend upon certification by the recorder of this court as to the necessity therefor.'**

Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 23, § 16, amended. The last sentence of section 16 of chapter 23 of the private and special laws of 1899, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The judge of said court shall receive a salary of ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,300 per year, to be paid to him in quarterly payments from the county treasury of Penobscot county, which shall be in full for his services as such judge, and he shall receive an additional sum of \$300 per year for clerk hire and such additional amount as may be authorized by the county commissioners.'