

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 358

House of Representatives, February 2, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dumais of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Special Deputies in War Time or When War Imminent.**

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

**R. S., c. 89, § 152, amended.** Section 152 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**Sec. 152. Special deputies.** Whenever a state of war shall exist or be imminent between the United States and any foreign country, **and upon a declaration by the Governor that an emergency exists by reason thereof**, sheriffs may appoint male citizens more than 18 years of age not eligible for military service as special deputies, who shall have and exercise all the powers of deputy sheriffs appointed under the general law, except the service of civil process. Such special deputies shall be personally responsible for any unreasonable, improper or illegal acts committed by them in the performance of their duties, but the sheriffs shall not be liable upon their bonds or otherwise for any neglect or misdoings of such deputies. **When said emergency shall have ceased to exist, the Governor shall so declare and thereafter all said appointments of special deputies made during said emergency shall become void.**