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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing Salaries of Various Department Heads and Commissions.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the recruitment and retention of high caliber employees has been seriously affected by limitations imposed by existing salary levels; and

Whereas, there is currently before this Legislature appropriate measures to adjust the official salary schedules of the State in varying degrees for nearly all classes of employment prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 10, § 26, sub-§ VII, amended. The last sentence of subsection VII of section 26 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'He (Director of Legislative Research) shall receive a salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600 per year and any necessary traveling expenses;'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$534 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,600 for the 1957-58 and \$1,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 14, § 11, amended. The 9th paragraph of section 11 of chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 2 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Adjutant General shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600.; he He shall receive no other fee, emolument or perquisite.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$534 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,600 for the 1957-58 and \$1,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 18, § 1, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section one of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 3 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Treasurer of State shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$6,000~~ \$7,000; he shall receive no other fee, emolument or perquisite.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$334 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,000 for the 1957-58 and \$1,000 for the 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 19, § 1, amended. The last sentence of section one of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 4 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'He (State Auditor) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$534 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,600 for the 1957-58 and \$1,600 for the 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 20, § 1, amended. The 6th sentence of section one of chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 5 of chapter 473 of the public laws is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Attorney General shall have an office in the State Capitol and shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$12,000 in full for all services and in lieu of all fees.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,334 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$4,000 for the 1957-58 and \$4,000 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 21, § 1, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section one of chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 6 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his Department as shall be necessary.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$534 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,600 for the 1957-58 and \$1,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 23, § 3, amended. The 5th sentence of section 3 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The other members of the (Highway) Commission shall receive ~~\$4,000~~ \$6,000

per year and shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 29, § 4, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 4 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 7 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'II. Salaries. The Chairman of the Commission (Employment Security Commission) shall receive a fixed weekly salary, at the rate of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600 per year, and each of the other members shall receive a fixed weekly salary, at the rate of ~~\$7,500~~ \$8,000 per year, and shall be paid from the Employment Security Administration Fund.'

Sec. 9. R. S., c. 30, § 1, amended. The 5th sentence of section one of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 8 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Commissioner (Labor and Industry) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,600, and in addition \$1,000 annually for his services as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission and his actual, necessary cash expenses while away from his office on official business of the Industrial Accident Commission.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$867 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$2,600 for the 1957-58 and \$2,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 10. R. S., c. 31, § 29, amended. The 1st sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 29 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 9 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Chairman (Industrial Accident Commission) shall receive a salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600 per year, and the other Commissioners a salary of ~~\$7,500~~ \$8,000 each per year.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$868 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$2,600 for the 1957-58 and \$2,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 11. R. S., c. 32, § 1, amended. The 3rd sentence of section one of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 10 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'He (Commissioner of Agriculture) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$12,000.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,334 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$4,000 for the 1957-58 and \$4,000 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 12. R. S., c. 36, § 1, amended. The last sentence of section one of chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 11 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Commissioner (Forestry) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$10,000~~ \$12,000, of which amount ~~\$6,667~~ \$8,000 shall be paid from funds raised and created by the tax assessed under the provisions of section 96.'

Sec. 13. R. S., c. 36, § 109, amended. The last sentence of section 109 of chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 12 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Commissioner (Forestry) shall also receive from said funds the sum of ~~\$6,667~~ \$8,000 per year in addition to the salary as now provided by law.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$221 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$664 for the 1957-58 and \$664 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section and section 12.)

Sec. 14. R. S., c. 37, § 1, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section one of chapter 37, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Commissioner (Fisheries and Game) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600 and he shall also receive all necessary traveling expenses.'

Sec. 15. R. S., c. 41, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 13-A of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The Board shall appoint a Commissioner of Education, hereinafter in this chapter called the "Commissioner" whenever a vacancy occurs and fix his salary, not to exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$12,000 per year.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$667 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$2,000 for the 1957-58 and \$2,000 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 16. R. S., c. 44, § 1, amended. The 1st sentence of the second paragraph of section one of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Chairman (Public Utilities Commission) shall receive a salary of ~~\$9,000~~ \$12,000 per year, and the other Commissioners a salary of ~~\$8,500~~ \$9,600 each per year.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,734 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$5,200 for the 1957-58 fiscal year and \$5,200 for the 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 17. R. S., c. 59, § 1, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section one of chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 14 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'He (Bank Commissioner) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600 and his actual traveling expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.'

Sec. 18. R. S., c. 60, § 2, amended. The 5th sentence of section 2 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 15 of chapter 473 of the public laws of 1955 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'He (Insurance Commissioner) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$8,000~~ \$9,600.'

(There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$534 for the 1956-57 fiscal year and \$1,600 for the 1957-58 and \$1,600 for 1958-59 fiscal years to carry out the purposes of this section.)

Sec. 19. R. S., c. 61, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Salaries and expenses. The salary of the Chairman of the (Liquor) Commission shall be ~~\$7,000~~ \$9,600 per year and the salary of each of the other members shall be ~~\$5,000~~ \$6,000 per year, and in addition each member shall be allowed his reasonable expense incurred in the performance of his duties; ~~provided, however, that such~~ **Such** expense shall not include travel between his place of residence and the Commission office, or board and lodging in the city or town where such office is located.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.