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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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AN ACT Creating an Assistant County Attorney for Aroostook County.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature, unless enacted as emergencies, do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to provide for an assistant county attorney of Aroostook county for the April term, 1957, to safeguard and protect the safety and wellbeing of the inhabitants of Aroostook county; 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. 89, § 114, amended.** That part of section 114 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes which relates to Aroostook county is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'; assistant county attorney, \$2,500'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 89, § 125-B, additional.** Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 125-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 125-B. Assistant county attorney for Aroostook county; duties; term of office. The county attorney of the county of Aroostook may appoint an assistant, who shall be a resident of the county and duly admitted to the practice of law in this State, to be approved by a Justice of the Superior Court resident in said

county or by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and who shall hold his office during the term of the county attorney by whom he was appointed, subject to removal at any time by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. Said assistant shall take the oath prescribed for county attorney and assist the county attorney in the ordinary duties of his office, in the drawing of indictments, in the hearing of complaints before the grand jury and in the preparation and trial of criminal causes. He shall, when directed by the county attorney, act as counsel for the State in the trial of complaints before municipal courts and trial Justices.'

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