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House of Representatives, February 3, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Changing Name of Inland Fish and Game Wardens to Conservation Officers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Conservation officers; appointment; powers and duties; tenure; service of processes. The commissioner shall appoint persons as ~~inland fish and game wardens~~ **conservation officers** who shall have qualified under the rules established in the Civil Service Code authorized under ~~the provisions of~~ sections 27 to 33 who shall continue to hold office according to the provisions of the Civil Service Code. The compensation of the ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall be determined under ~~the provisions of~~ the Personnel Law.

It shall be the duty of the ~~inland fish and game wardens~~ **conservation officers** to enforce all laws relating to inland fisheries and game and all rules and regulations pertaining thereto, to arrest all violators thereof, and to prosecute all offenses against the same.

The ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall have the authority to serve criminal processes on offenders of the law, and to arrest and prosecute camp trespassers or persons committing larceny from any cottage, camp or other building, and, except before trial justice or municipal courts, shall be allowed the same fees as sheriffs and their deputies for like services, all such fees to be paid to the commissioner. The ~~wardens~~ **conservation officers** shall have the same rights as sheriffs to require aid in executing the duties of their office. They may serve all processes pertaining to the enforcement of any provision of this chapter.'

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Whenever in the Revised Statutes, the public laws or the private and special laws, the words "Inland Fish and Game Wardens" appear they shall mean "Conservation Officers."