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# **PUBLIC ACTS**

OF THE

# **STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED BY THE

# **SIXTH LEGISLATURE,**

**AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1826.**

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CHAPTER CCCXLIII.

AN ACT establishing salaries for Judges and Registers of Probate.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the fees of Judges and Registers of Probate in this State, heretofore established by law, shall, from and after the last day of March instant, be, and the same are hereby abolished; and instead thereof, said Judges and Registers of Probate, shall receive for their services, an annual salary, which salary in the several counties in this State, shall be as follows; for the Judges of Probate, in the county of York, three hundred dollars; Cumberland, four hundred dollars; Lincoln, three hundred dollars; Kennebec, three hundred dollars; Hancock, two hundred and twenty-five dollars; Washington, one hundred and fifty dollars; Oxford, one hundred and seventy-five dollars; Somerset, one hundred dollars; and Penobscot, one hundred and fifty dollars. For the Registers of Probate, in the county of York, five hundred dollars; Cumberland, nine hundred dollars; Lincoln, five hundred dollars; Kennebec, five hundred dollars; Hancock, three hundred and fifty dollars; Washington, three hundred dollars; Oxford, three hundred and fifty dollars; Somerset, one hundred and fifty dollars; Penobscot, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Judges and Registers of Probate to have salaries instead of fees for their services.

Amount of salaries in the several counties.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said salaries shall be paid quarterly, out of the Treasury of the several counties of this State, to the Judges and Registers of Probate of said counties respectively, on the first day of July, October, January and April annually; the first quarterly payment of said salaries to be made on the first day of July next.

Paid quarterly by county treasurers

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That no Judge of Probate shall receive any fee or compensation, for any business done in his Court, or in his capacity of Judge of Probate, on any pretext whatever: And no Register of Probate shall

No fees to be taken by judge or register except for extra copies

receive any fee or compensation from any person for any business done by said Register in the Court of Probate, or for one set of copies of all orders, decrees or other papers, which may be required by the Executor, Administrator or Guardian in any case in the Court of Probate; but for any other copies, he may receive twelve cents a page and no more.

No stationary nor incidental expenses, except record books, allowed.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That each county shall provide all necessary books, for the keeping the records in the Registry of Probate; but stationary and all other incidental expenses, shall be considered as provided for by the above salaries.

Register to certify to Sec. of State an account of fees of Judge for preceding year.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Register of Probate, for each county of this State, to transmit to the Secretary of State, to be by him filed and kept, subject to the inspection of the Governor and Council, and the two branches of the Legislature, a transcript of his account of the fees of the Judge of Probate, as certified by such Judge, for the year next preceding the time when this Act shall take effect.

Judges of Supreme Court to supervise the records of the Probate Court

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Probate, to examine or cause to be examined, annually, the records of the Registers of Probate, in the several counties in this State; and, if they are found deficient, the said Judges, or either of them, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Treasurer of the county, in which such deficient Register shall reside, who shall put in suit the bond of said Register, and such proceedings shall be had thereon, as are provided in an Act, for the safe keeping of the records of the several Courts of Justice.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect and be in force, from and after the last day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

[Approved by the Governor, March 7, 1826.]