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Chapter 224.

An Act relating to the Fees of the Sheriff of Cumberland County.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The sheriff of the county of Cumberland shall receive as full compensation for services in attendance upon the supreme judicial and superior courts in said county, as jailer, master or keeper of the county jail in said county, for receiving and committing prisoners therein, and for the services of all criminal processes and the performance of all duties relating to the enforcement of all criminal laws, an annual salary of three thousand five hundred dollars a year, to be paid from the county treasury in equal quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July and October, together with the free rental of the house or living apartments connected with the county jail in said county, including the stable, and including necessary light and fuel. Such necessary, incidental expenses as are just and proper, incurred in the performance of his public duties, shall be allowed by the county commissioners of said county, and paid from the county treasury.

Salary of sheriff of Cumberland county, established.

—incidental expenses may be allowed.

Section 2. All fees chargeable under the statutes of the state for the performance of any of the duties prescribed in the preceding section, except for the board of prisoners, shall be charged and collected by said sheriff as now provided by law, and an accurate account thereof, and of those specified in section three of this act, kept and transmitted to the county treasurer on the last day of March, June, September and December annually, and the amount deducted from the quarter's salary for the quarter then ending. If such fees are in excess of the amount of salary then due said sheriff, he shall pay said excess to the county treasurer. And no county treasurer shall pay any quarter's salary until said statement shall have been filed.

Legal fees shall be collected and accurate account transmitted to county treasurer.

Excess of salary due shall be paid to county treasurer.

Section 3. For all prisoners committed from other counties or from any court of the United States, and for all other persons confined for debt and on other civil processes, the sheriff shall collect the same fees for their entire support as are now provided by law, or may be fixed by the county commissioners under the authority vested in them by statute and include the same in the statement provided for in the preceding section, and the same shall be deducted from the salary as herein prescribed. He shall not make any charge or collect any fees for the support of prisoners committed on criminal process from any court in the county in which said jail is situated.

Fees collected from other counties, etc., shall be disposed of as in section 2.

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County commissioners shall procure all necessary supplies.

—food for prisoners shall be prepared at expense of the county.

—county commissioners may prescribe rations, etc.

—how bills shall be audited.

Commissioners shall annually advertise for proposals for supplies.

—award contract to lowest bidder.

Special deputies shall be appointed to enforce liquor law.

—compensation.

Section 4. The said county commissioners of the county of Cumberland shall, without extra charge or commission to themselves or to any other person, procure all necessary supplies, including necessary food, fuel, bedding and clothing, for the jail and the prisoners therein, in said county, to be furnished and purchased under their direction and at the expense of the county. A suitable person shall be employed to prepare the food of the prisoners, at the expense of the county, and the service of the food to the prisoners shall be under the general direction of the jailer, master or keeper. The person employed to prepare the food of the prisoners shall be appointed by the sheriff, subject to the approval of the county commissioners. The county commissioners shall have authority at any time to direct specific rations, or articles of food, clothing, soap, fuel or other necessaries, to be furnished and served to the prisoners. The bills and accounts for supplies furnished, and the items of expenses incurred in preparing and serving the same, shall be audited quarterly by some competent person appointed by the judge of the superior court of the county of Cumberland, and be paid by the county treasurer. For services in auditing said accounts, said judge shall allow a reasonable compensation to be paid from the county treasury.

Section 5. The county commissioners of the county of Cumberland may each year, as soon after the first of January as may be, make an estimate of the amount of food, fuel, clothing and supplies as far as practicable, which will be required by the county jail and for the support of the prisoners therein for the current year, and advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing the same according to specifications furnished by them, in the daily papers of the city of Portland, three days successively, at least fourteen days before the time limited for the reception of such proposals, at which time they shall examine all such proposals and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder; and the county commissioners shall procure such other necessary supplies and articles for the foregoing purposes as may not be furnished by contract, and account for the same in the manner provided for in the preceding section of this act.

Section 6. The sheriff of Cumberland county shall appoint three deputy sheriffs, who shall serve at the pleasure of said sheriff, and whose special duty shall be to enforce the provisions of chapter twenty-seven, revised statutes of Maine and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, in said county, and who shall receive as compensation therefor, the sum of three dollars per day, to be paid from the county treasury, together with

such incidental expenses as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of said chapter; bills for which shall be audited as provided in section one, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, revised statutes of Maine.

Section 7. The sheriff of said county, and his deputies appointed under the provisions of section six of this act, shall receive no fees for said service except as herein provided, but shall charge up all fees now allowed to sheriffs and their deputies for the enforcement of the provisions of said chapter twenty-seven, revised statutes of Maine, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, to the county of Cumberland and account for them as provided in section eight of this act.

Fees of sheriff and deputies for enforcement of liquor law shall be charged up to county.

Section 8. The sheriff of Cumberland county, on the last secular day of June and December of each year, shall render to the treasurer of said county an itemized account of all fees charged up to said county by him, and by his deputies appointed as herein provided, for the enforcement of the provisions of said chapter twenty-seven, revised statutes of Maine, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, in said county, which said fees shall revert to the county of Cumberland.

An itemized account of fees shall be rendered and paid to the county.

Section 9. No deputy sheriff, unless appointed under the provisions of section six of this act, shall receive any compensation for the enforcement of the provisions of said chapter twenty-seven, revised statutes of Maine, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, in the city of Portland, unless such compensation shall be allowed by the county commissioners of said county.

Deputies, unless appointed under section 6 shall not receive compensation for enforcement of liquor law.

Section 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed so far as the same would apply to the county of Cumberland.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect upon the first day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and one.

When act shall take effect.