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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

1905.

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 41.

An Act providing penalties for non-feasance of duty by Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and County Attorneys.

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

Section sixty-nine of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "witnesses," in the ninth line, the words: 'Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county attorney, who shall wilfully or corruptly refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties required by this section, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.' So that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 69,
chapter 29, R.
S., amended.

'Section 69. Sheriffs and their deputies and county attorneys shall diligently and faithfully inquire into all violations of law, within their respective counties, and institute proceedings in case of violations or supposed violations of law, and particularly the law against illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and the keeping of drinking houses and tippling shops, gambling houses or places, and houses of ill-fame, either by promptly entering a complaint before a magistrate and executing the warrants issued thereon, or by furnishing the county attorney promptly and without delay, with the names of alleged offenders, and of the witnesses. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff or county attorney, who shall wilfully or corruptly refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties required by this section, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year. For services under this section, sheriffs, and their deputies acting under their directions, shall receive the same per diem compensation, as for attendance on the supreme judicial court, the same fees for travel as for the service of warrants in criminal cases, together with such necessary incidental expenses as are just and proper; bills for which shall be audited by the county commissioners, and paid from the county treasury. But said commissioners shall not allow any per diem compensation to said sheriffs or their deputies for any day for which said sheriffs or their deputies are entitled to fees or compensation for attendance at or service in any court. The provisions of this section as to compensation of sheriffs and their deputies, and the provisions of section five of chapter one hundred and seventeen shall not apply to the sheriff of Cumberland county, and his deputies acting under the provisions of this section.'

Duties of
sheriffs,
deputies and
county
attorneys.

—penalty for
non-feasance.

—compensa-
tion for
services.

Approved March 8, 1905.