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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## Chapter 194.

An Act to Amend Sections Thirty-seven and Forty-five of Chapter One Hundred Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney for Cumberland County and to Provide for Clerk Hire in said County Attorney's Office.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 117, § 37, relating to compensation of county attorneys, amended.** Section thirty-seven of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "seventeen" in the sixth line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'eighteen' and by striking out the words "nine hundred" in the twenty-first line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof, the words 'one thousand' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 37. Salary of Cumberland county attorney increased from \$1,700 to \$1,800; salary of assistant increased from \$900 to \$1,000.** County attorneys of the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the state treasury in monthly payments on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, twelve hundred dollars.  
 Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars.  
 Cumberland, eighteen hundred dollars.  
 Franklin, five hundred dollars.  
 Hancock, seven hundred and fifty dollars.  
 Kennebec, fourteen hundred dollars.  
 Knox, seven hundred dollars.  
 Lincoln, five hundred dollars.  
 Oxford, nine hundred dollars.  
 Penobscot, fifteen hundred dollars.  
 Piscataquis, six hundred dollars.  
 Sagadahoc, six hundred dollars.  
 Somerset, eight hundred and fifty dollars.  
 Waldo, five hundred dollars.  
 Washington, nine hundred dollars.

York, twelve hundred dollars; and no other fees, costs or emoluments shall be allowed them. The assistant county attorney for the county of Cumberland, one thousand dollars. He shall hold his office during the term of the county attorney by whom he is appointed, subject to removal at any time by the justice of the superior court for said county.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 117, § 45, relating to clerk hire in county offices, amended.** Section forty-five of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to the fourth paragraph thereof, the following: 'for clerks in the office of the county attorney, six hundred dollars,' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

**'\$600 for clerk hire in office of Cumberland county attorney.** Cumberland county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, two thousand seven hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, two thousand one hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, two thousand

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two hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of the recorder of the Portland municipal court, seven hundred eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of county attorney, six hundred dollars.'

Approved April 6, 1917.

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## Chapter 195.

An Act to Create a Board of Prison Commissioners.

**Preamble.** Whereas the management of the state prison vitally affects the peace, health and safety of the public and the provisions of the following act are deemed by the legislature to be essential to the proper administration of said prison and the judicious treatment, employment and liberation of the prisoners therein confined, and whereas the facts above recited constitute an emergency, in the opinion of this legislature, rendering the passage of said act 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. Board of prison commissioners created; tenure of office, vacancies, compensation, etc.; may appoint secretary, salary.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a board of prison commissioners consisting of three members, one to serve six years, one to serve four years and one to serve two years. Each member of the board shall receive five dollars for each day of actual service and necessary expenses. As vacancies occur by expiration of terms they shall be filled by appointment as above described and such appointment shall be for six years. Whenever a vacancy occurs by reason of death, incapacity or resignation, appointment shall be made as above described for the unexpired portion of such term. One of the members of said board shall be designated in his commission as chairman. The commission may appoint a secretary, who shall receive an annual salary of three hundred dollars. The word "commission" as used in this act shall mean the board of prison commissioners.

**Sec. 2. Duties of commission.** The commission shall have the general direction and control of the state prison, exclusive of any other board created by statute. It shall make and establish such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as it may deem expedient for the direction of the officers of the prison in the performance of their duties; for the government, discipline, instruction and employment of the inmates; for the supply of food, clothing and bedding therein and for the custody and preservation of the property connected therewith.

**Sec. 3. Warden, chaplain and physician appointed by commission; warden to appoint others. Compensation, how fixed.** The warden, chaplain and physician shall be appointed by the commission and shall hold office during its pleasure. All other officers and employees of the prison shall be appointed and commissioned by the warden with the approval of the commis-