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# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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## CHAP. 274

**Sec. 3. When person in United States service is plaintiff.** In all cases in court, or which may be entered in court, during such term of service where a person mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, is plaintiff, the court at his request may continue such case, as long as the court may think justice would require, and without costs to either party.

**Sec. 4. Statute of limitations suspended.** During his absence from the state, and while continuing in the service of the United States, the operation of any statute of limitations shall be suspended in all matters in which suits may arise in which a person mustered into such service may be either plaintiff or defendant.

Approved April 7, 1917.

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## Chapter 274.

An Act to Provide for the Appointment of Special Deputy Sheriffs.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, in order to protect and guard the lives and property of the citizens of the state, the appointment of special deputy sheriffs is necessary and is an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Special deputies; sheriffs may appoint in war time, or when war is imminent; personal liability.** Whenever a state of war shall exist or be imminent between the United States and any foreign country, sheriffs may appoint male citizens more than eighteen years of age not eligible for military service as special deputies who shall have and exercise all the powers of deputy sheriffs appointed under the general law except the service of civil process. Such special deputies shall be personally responsible for any unreasonable, improper or illegal acts committed by them in the performance of their duties, but the sheriffs shall not be liable upon their bonds, or otherwise, for any neglect or misdoings of such deputies.

**Sec. 2. Notification of appointment; compensation.** Any sheriff appointing such special deputy sheriffs shall notify the clerk of courts and the county commissioners for the county in which such appointments are made giving the names of such deputies and the date of their appointments and such county commissioners shall fix and order paid from the treasury of the county to such deputies a reasonable compensation, not exceeding three dollars and fifty cents per day for the time actually employed together with actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duty.

**Sec. 3. Date when effective.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.