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and marine mustered into the military service of the United States as a part of the quota of the state or enrolled in the naval service for service in the United States or in any foreign country, a sum not in excess of ten dollars a month, as may be necessary, in order that every such non-commissioned officer, soldier or sailor shall receive from the United States and this state in the aggregate the sum of twenty-five dollars per month.

Said amount shall be payable monthly at the office of the adjutant general, and shall date from the enrollment or muster-in to the United States service of said non-commissioned officer, soldier, sailor or marine, and shall continue until the first day of March, nineteen hundred and nineteen, unless the service is sooner terminated. The supply officer of each organization shall submit to the adjutant general payrolls certified to by him as correct, and the amount found necessary as above shall be paid by the adjutant general by check to the enlisted man, or if he so directs in writing, to any member of his family.

Sec. 2. Authorization of expenditure. For the purpose of meeting the expenses authorized by this act, the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for said expenses against any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 278.

An Act to Provide for the Organization of the Maine Home Guard, During the Continuance of the War with Germany.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, during the present war with Germany, the creation and maintenance of an organized Home Guard separate and distinct from the National Guard of the State of Maine, is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

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

Sec. 1. Maine Home Guard. The commander-in-chief may, during the continuance of the war with Germany, raise by voluntary enlistment and organize the Maine Home Guard from among the citizens of the United States over thirty-five years of age, who are inhabitants of this state.

Sec. 2. Organization, powers, duties and compensation. The home guard may be of such numbers, and shall be so organized, maintained, officered, armed, and equipped, and enlisted for such service within the state, for such time and on such terms as the commander-in-chief may by executive order determine from time to time. When called for service the home guard shall have such duties as shall be established by order of the commander-in-chief, and all members of the home guard shall have and exer-

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cise throughout the state all the powers of constables, except the service of civil process, and all the powers of police officers and watchmen. The compensation of officers and men of the home guard, when called by executive order for service and while on such service, shall be fixed by the commander-in-chief, and shall in no event exceed the compensation of officers and men of the national guard of like grade.

Sec. 3. Officers; appointment and authority. The commander-in-chief may appoint officers for such units and organizations of the home guard as he may establish, and such officers shall, subject to removal by the commander-in-chief unless and until their successors are appointed, as provided by the statutes of the state, exercise the same military authority over their several commands as that specified by the statutes of Maine for duly chosen officers of organized militia of the state.

Sec. 4. Certain sections of military law not applicable. The provisions of paragraphs one hundred sixteen and one hundred twenty-seven of the Act to Revise the Military Law of nineteen hundred seventeen, shall not apply to the home guard herein provided for.

Sec. 5. Provisions, relative to compensation of national guard injured in service, applicable. All provisions of law relative to the compensation of members of the national guard injured in the discharge of their duty shall apply to members of the Maine Home Guard.

Sec. 6. When effective. In view of the emergency expressed in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 279.

An Act to Amend Section Forty-five of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, and Relating to Clerk Hire in Certain Aroostook County Offices and Certain Expenses of the Aroostook Clerk of Courts.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 45, relating to clerk hire in county offices, amended.¹ Section forty-five of chapter one hundred seventeen of the revised statutes is amended in the third paragraph thereof, so as to read as follows:

'Increase in office of register of deeds, southern district; also in office of clerk of courts; expenses for clerk of courts and subordinates for attendance at Caribou court. In Aroostook county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds of the northern district, five hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of deeds in the southern district, one thousand seven hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, six hundred twenty-four dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, one thousand eight hundred dollars, and for expenses of the clerk of courts and his subordinates while attending the sessions of the supreme judicial court at Caribou, such sums as allowed by the court.'

Approved April 7, 1917.