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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1917

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Chapter 283.

An Act to Amend Section Seventy-two of Chapter Eighty-two of the Revised Statutes Increasing the Annual Appropriation for the Attorney General's Department.

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

R. S., c. 82, § 72, relating to appropriations for attorney general's department, amended. Section seventy-two of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteen" in the second line of said section and inserting in place therefor the words 'seventy-five,' also by adding 'the attorney general shall, at the request of any state department, make or cause to be made investigation in behalf of such department and he shall also prosecute any case to such extent as may seem advisable; and the expense of such investigation and prosecution shall be charged to this appropriation,' so that as amended said section seventy-two shall read as follows :

'**Sec. 72.** Increased from \$1,500 to \$7,500; shall make investigations for any state department and prosecute cases. For said purpose the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars shall be appropriated each year, and so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended under the direction of the attorney general. The governor and council may draw their warrants from time to time, for the expenditure of said sum, upon the presentation of bills properly avouched by the attorney general. The attorney general shall at the request of any state department, make or cause to be made investigations in behalf of such department and he shall also prosecute any case to such extent as may seem advisable; and the expense of such investigation and prosecution shall be charged to this appropriation.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 284.

An Act to Provide for the Better Defence of the State and for the Discharge of its Duties towards the National Defence.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, conditions now exist within our state and nation which require an organization to be used at the discretion of the governor to insure and continue the domestic peace and especially to protect bridges, water powers, factories and other structures which might be made the especial objects of attack, and

Whereas, such a measure 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. Special powers delegated to governor for defense of state in time of war. For the purpose of suppressing insurrection, repelling invasion and for purposes of war and in order that he may be able effectively to dis-