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Chapter 214.

An Act to Increase Salaries of Certain County Officers and Amount of Money Allowed for Clerk Hire in Certain County Offices.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 37; 1917, c. 194, § 1; R. S., c. 117, § 38; 1917, c. 152 and 292; R. S., c. 117, § 39; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, § 40; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, § 41; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, § 42; 1917, c. 39 and 173; R. S., c. 117, § 43; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, § 44; 1917, c. 167; R. S., c. 117, § 45; 1917, c. 153, 194, 236, 239, 223, 242; relating to salaries of county officials and clerk hire, amended. Sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, and forty-five of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes are hereby amended by striking out all of said sections, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 37. Salaries of county attorneys; increases in Cumberland, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc and Cumberland assistant. 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, two thousand 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, eighteen hundred dollars,
 Piscataquis, seven hundred dollars,
 Sagadahoc, seven 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, twelve hundred dollars. He shall hold his office during the term of the county attorney by whom he was appointed subject to removal at any time by the justice of the superior court for said county.'

'Sec. 38. Salaries of judges of probate—increases in Aroostook, Kennebec, Knox, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, York. Judges of probate in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of

the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows :

Androscoggin, sixteen hundred dollars,
 Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Cumberland, three thousand dollars,
 Franklin, six hundred dollars,
 Hancock, eleven hundred dollars,
 Kennebec, two thousand dollars,
 Knox, eight hundred dollars,
 Lincoln, five hundred dollars,
 Oxford, one thousand dollars,
 Penobscot, eighteen hundred dollars,
 Piscataquis, eight hundred dollars,
 Sagadahoc, nine hundred dollars,
 Somerset, one thousand dollars,
 Waldo, seven hundred dollars,
 Washington, eight hundred dollars,

York, two thousand dollars, and the fees to which they are entitled by law, except the fee provided in section forty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-five, shall be taxed and collected and paid over by the registers of probate to the county treasurers for the use of their counties.'

'Sec. 39. Salaries of registers of probate—increases in Androscoggin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc. Registers of probate in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows :

Androscoggin, sixteen hundred dollars,
 Aroostook, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Cumberland, two thousand dollars,
 Franklin, eight hundred dollars,
 Hancock, one thousand dollars,
 Kennebec, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Knox, twelve hundred dollars,
 Lincoln, nine hundred dollars,
 Oxford, one thousand dollars,
 Penobscot, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Piscataquis, twelve hundred dollars,
 Sagadahoc, nine hundred dollars,
 Somerset, one thousand dollars,
 Waldo, one thousand dollars,
 Washington, one thousand dollars,
 York, fourteen hundred dollars.

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The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for the performance of all duties required of registers of probate.'

'Sec. 40. Salaries of clerks of court—increases in Androscoggin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, York; decrease in Washington not effective until 1921; Lincoln county clerk to serve as clerk of Lincoln municipal court without additional compensation. The clerks of the judicial courts in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, twenty-two hundred dollars,
Aroostook, two thousand dollars,

Cumberland, twenty-five hundred dollars, deputy clerk of courts, eighteen hundred dollars,

Franklin, twelve hundred dollars,
Hancock, twenty-one hundred dollars,
Kennebec, twenty-five hundred dollars,
Knox, fifteen hundred dollars,
Lincoln, twelve hundred dollars,
Oxford, sixteen hundred dollars,
Penobscot, twenty-five hundred dollars,
Piscataquis, twelve hundred dollars,
Sagadahoc, seventeen hundred dollars,
Somerset, eighteen hundred dollars,
Waldo, twelve hundred dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, fourteen hundred and fifty dollars,

York, two thousand dollars.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for the performance of all duties required of clerks, including those performed by them as clerks of the supreme judicial court, superior and county commissioners' courts, or by clerks pro tempore employed by them, and the sum provided for the clerk in Lincoln county shall be in full for all such services and also in full for services as clerk of Lincoln municipal court. They shall account quarterly under oath to the county treasurers for all fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of the office, except fees collected by them in naturalization proceedings under the act of congress of June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, as amended by the act of congress of June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, speci-

fying the items, and shall pay the whole amount of the same to the treasurers of their respective counties quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October, of each year.'

'Sec. 41. Salaries of sheriffs—increase in Sagadahoc; date to decrease in Washington, 1921. The sheriffs of the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, twenty-five hundred dollars,
 Aroostook, two thousand dollars,
 Cumberland, four thousand dollars,
 Franklin, one thousand dollars,
 Hancock, sixteen hundred dollars,
 Kennebec, twenty-eight hundred dollars,
 Knox, twelve hundred dollars,
 Lincoln, eight hundred dollars,
 Oxford, twelve hundred dollars,
 Penobscot, twenty-eight hundred dollars,
 Piscataquis, one thousand dollars,
 Sagadahoc, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Somerset, fourteen hundred dollars,
 Waldo, twelve hundred dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; fourteen hundred dollars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one,

York, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Together with free rental of the house or living apartment connected with the county jail in each county, including the necessary light and fuel. Said salaries shall be in full compensation for services in attendance upon the supreme judicial court and upon the superior courts in the counties of Cumberland and Kennebec as jailer, master or keeper of the jail in each county, for receiving and committing prisoners therein and for the service of all criminal processes and the performance of all duties relating to the enforcement of all criminal laws. Such necessary incidental expenses as are just and proper, incurred in the performance of their public duties, including all necessary expenses for aid in keeping the jails, shall be allowed by the respective boards of county commissioners of said counties and paid from the county treasuries.'

'Sec. 42. Salaries of county commissioners—increase in Cumberland; am. of 1917 allowing expenses at hearings away from county seat not incorporated. The county commissioners in the several counties shall re-

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ceive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows :

Androscoggin, seven hundred fifty dollars,
 Aroostook, eleven hundred dollars,
 Cumberland, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Franklin, four hundred fifty dollars,
 Hancock, seven hundred fifty dollars,
 Kennebec, one thousand dollars,
 Knox, four hundred dollars,
 Lincoln, three hundred dollars,
 Oxford, six hundred dollars,
 Penobscot, twelve hundred dollars,
 Piscataquis, five hundred dollars,
 Sagadahoc, four hundred dollars,
 Somerset, six hundred fifty dollars,
 Waldo, four hundred dollars,
 Washington, six hundred and fifty dollars,
 York, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Said salaries shall be in full for all services, expenses and travel, including the management of the jails and workshops and the sale of their products, except actual necessary cash expenses incurred outside of their respective counties for the transaction of official business ; all bills for such expenses shall be approved by the clerk of courts and the county attorney of their county ; excepting also, such expenses as are provided for in section twenty-six of chapter eighty-three.'

'Sec. 43. Salaries of registers of deeds—increases in Androscoggin, Aroostook southern registry, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc and Washington. Registers of deeds in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows :

Androscoggin, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Aroostook, northern registry, one thousand dollars, southern registry, eighteen hundred dollars,
 Cumberland, twenty-five hundred dollars,
 Franklin, eleven hundred dollars,
 Hancock, fifteen hundred dollars,
 Kennebec, eighteen hundred dollars,
 Knox, twelve hundred and fifty dollars,
 Lincoln, one thousand dollars,

Oxford, eastern registry, twelve hundred dollars, western registry, six hundred dollars,

Penobscot, seventeen hundred dollars,

Piscataquis, eleven hundred dollars,

Sagadahoc, eleven hundred dollars,

Somerset, fifteen hundred dollars,

Waldo, one thousand dollars,

Washington, sixteen hundred dollars; thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one,

York, fifteen hundred dollars.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for the performance of all official duties and no other fees of compensation shall be allowed them. All registers, except the western district of Oxford county, shall devote their entire time to the duties of the office. They shall account quarterly under oath to the county treasurers for all fees received by them or payable to them by virtue of the office, specifying the items, and shall pay the whole amount of the same to the treasurers of their respective counties quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year. They may make abstracts and copies from the records and furnish the same to persons calling for them and may charge a reasonable fee for such service, but shall not give an opinion upon the title to real estate. Fees charged by them for abstracts and copies shall be retained by them and not paid to the county.'

'Sec. 44. Salaries of county treasurers—decrease in Cumberland; increase in Kennebec and Washington, to be decreased in Washington in 1921. County treasurers in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the treasuries of the counties in monthly payments paid on the last day of each month, as follows:

Androscoggin, thirteen hundred dollars,

Aroostook, eight hundred dollars,

Cumberland, two thousand dollars,

Franklin, four hundred dollars,

Hancock, five hundred dollars,

Kennebec, fifteen hundred dollars,

Knox, four hundred dollars,

Lincoln, three hundred dollars,

Oxford, six hundred fifty dollars,

Penobscot, thirteen hundred dollars,

Piscataquis, five hundred dollars,

Sagadahoc, three hundred fifty dollars,

Somerset, six hundred dollars,

Waldo, four hundred dollars,

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Washington, eight hundred dollars; seven hundred dollars, beginning with the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, York, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Each of the counties above named shall pay the premium on the official bond of its treasurer.'

'Sec. 45. Clerk hire in county offices increased. The several county treasurers shall pay weekly to the clerks employed by the several officials in their respective counties the wages to which they may be entitled and shall take their individual receipts therefor. County officials for whom provision for clerk hire may be made, shall certify to the county treasurer the names of the clerks and the weekly wages at which they may be employed. Clerks shall be allowed a vacation not exceeding two weeks in any one year without loss of pay. The total sums to be paid annually to such clerks as wages shall not exceed the following:

Androscoggin county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, twelve hundred and forty-eight dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, one thousand and forty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hundred and eighty dollars.

Aroostook county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, of the northern district, one thousand dollars; for clerks in the office of register of deeds for the southern district, eighteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, two thousand dollars; for expenses of clerk of courts and his subordinates while attending session of supreme judicial courts at Caribou, such sums as allowed by courts.

Cumberland county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, twenty-eight hundred and eight dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, twenty-eight hundred and eight dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, twenty-eight hundred and eight dollars, with the further sum of eight hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, for the completion of unfinished records; for clerks in the office of recorder of the Portland municipal court, fourteen hundred and four dollars, and for clerks in the office of county attorney, six hundred dollars, and for clerks in the office of sheriff, six hundred dollars, for clerks in the office of county treasurer, five hundred dollars. No clerk shall receive more than eighteen dollars per week.

Franklin county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, five hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, two hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, three hundred dollars.

Hancock county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, fifteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, six hun-

dred and twenty-four dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred dollars.

Kennebec county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, eighteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, fifteen hundred dollars.

Knox county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, five hundred and twenty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, five hundred and twenty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Lincoln county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, two hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, one hundred sixty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, two hundred dollars.

Oxford county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, six hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of the register of probate, two hundred and fifty dollars; for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, two hundred dollars.

Penobscot county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, two thousand and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, fifteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, fifteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of county attorney, six hundred dollars.

Piscataquis county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, six hundred and twenty-four dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, three hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Sagadahoc county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hundred and eighty dollars.

Somerset county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, five hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, three hundred and fifty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, six hundred dollars.

Waldo county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, eleven hundred and forty-four dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, two hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, five hundred dollars.

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Washington county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, seven hundred and eighty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, seven hundred and eighty dollars.

York county; for clerks in the office of register of deeds, eighteen hundred dollars; for clerks in the office of register of probate, twelve hundred and forty-eight dollars; for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, one thousand and forty dollars.

Certain chapters of 1917 repealed. Chapters thirty-nine, one hundred and fifty-two, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and sixty-seven, one hundred and seventy-three, one hundred and ninety-four, two hundred and twenty-three, two hundred and thirty-six, two hundred and thirty-nine, two hundred and forty-two, two hundred and seventy-nine and two hundred and ninety-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 215.

An Act to Provide for the Fixing of Salaries and Wages of Subordinates of the Several Departments of the State Government.

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

Sec. 1. Salaries of subordinate officers, etc., to be fixed by governor and council. The salaries or wages of all assistants, clerks and other employees of the several departments of the state government shall be fixed by the governor and council upon the recommendation of the heads of the respective departments.

Sec. 2. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 216.

An Act to Permit the Registration of Female Voters for Presidential Election.

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

Sec. 1. Registration of female voters for presidential election, 1920. All boards of registration created under chapter five of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen shall prepare a separate list of female voters for presidential election to be held in November, nineteen hundred and twenty. Said lists shall be prepared in the same manner as lists for