

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**From April 22, 1945 to May 14, 1947**  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

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~~unlawful act~~ criminal violence, or by suicide, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, the medical examiner shall forthwith repair to the place where such body lies and take charge of the same, and before said body is removed, he shall reduce or cause to be reduced to writing a description of the location and position of the body and any and all facts that may be deemed important in determining the cause of death.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 79, § 263, amended. Section 263 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 263. Inquest when county attorney or attorney-general disagree with medical examiner. If a medical examiner reports that a death was not caused by ~~violence or unlawful act~~ criminal violence, or by suicide, or in any suspicious or unusual manner and the county attorney or attorney-general is of a contrary opinion, nothing in sections 258 to 268, inclusive, shall be construed to prevent either of these officers directing an inquest in accordance with the provisions of these said sections.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 79, § 267, amended. Section 267 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 267. Compensation of medical examiner. Every medical examiner shall render an account of the expenses of each case, including his fees, to the county attorney, who shall audit and approve the same before it is submitted to the county commissioners for their approval, and the fees allowed the medical examiner shall not exceed the following, viz.: for a view and inquiry without an autopsy, ~~\$10~~ \$15; for a view and autopsy, ~~\$25~~ \$50; for an inquest, \$10 per day for the time actually spent in holding such inquest and for all necessary travel at the rate of ~~60~~ 100¢ per mile. Witnesses summoned to testify at such inquest shall be allowed the same fees as witnesses in the superior court. The physician and other person required to be present at an autopsy as provided in section 260 shall be allowed a reasonable compensation to be audited by the medical examiner and county attorney.'

Effective August 13, 1947

## Chapter 191

### AN ACT Exempting from Taxation the Property of Indians.

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

R. S., c. 81, § 6, sub-§ VIII, amended. Subsection VIII of section 6 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'VIII. The polls and estates of only those Indians who reside on tribal reservations; and the polls of persons under guardianship, or blind.'

Effective August 13, 1947