

# 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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after the stenographer's bill has been allowed by the judge of the court in which the services were rendered. If any stenographer so appointed neglects or refuses to perform any part of the duty required of him, he shall receive no pay for his services and also may be punished for contempt of court. In probate matters, the executor, administrator, or guardian shall, in each case out of the estate in his hands, pay to the register for the county the amount of said stenographer's fees, and in insolvent matters the assignee shall pay the same to the register for the county before any claims are paid, other than those named in sub-section I of section 42 of chapter 149.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 140, § 48, amended. Section 48 of chapter 140 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 48. Stenographers to furnish copies. Such stenographers shall also furnish correct and legible longhand or typewritten copies of their notes of the oral testimony taken at any hearing or examination, to any person calling for the same, upon payment of ~~two~~ 15c for every 100 words of the copy furnished.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 290

### AN ACT Relating to Complainant and Witness Fees and Costs of Police Officers and Constables.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 129-A, additional. Chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 129-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 129-A. Fees of police officer or constable. No police officer or constable paid a salary or paid upon a per diem basis by a city, town or plantation shall receive any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest or for attendance at court but shall be reimbursed by such city, town or plantation for his actual costs of arrest and actual expenses of travel and attendance. Whenever any fines or penalties are imposed by any court in any proceeding in which such a police officer or constable is a complainant or a witness, said court may tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual manner to be paid after recovery by the county treas-

urer upon approval of the county commissioners to the municipality employing such police office or constable.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 133, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 133 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Limitation of costs and fees. No costs shall be allowed by such magistrate to complainants in any capacity; but this shall not prevent the allowance of their fees as officers to police officers and constables ~~complain~~ ~~ing under authority of their town, or when it is made their duty to do so~~ or for their municipalities when such police officers or constables are paid a salary or are paid upon a per diem basis by such municipalities and such officers or constables complain under authority of their municipalities or it is made their duty to do so. No witness shall be allowed in a criminal case for more than one travel, or for travel and attendance in more than one case at the same time before any judicial tribunal.'

Effective August 13, 1947

## Chapter 291

### AN ACT Governing the Regulations for Traveling Amusement Shows and Circuses.

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

R. S., c. 88, § 53-A, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 53-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 53-A. Rules and regulations for circus equipment authorized and directed. The tents and equipment of circuses and traveling amusement shows are hereby required to be constructed of fire-resisting and flame-proofed materials. Such equipment is hereby required to be set up and arranged in such a way that it will provide safe means of egress in case of fire or other emergency. The insurance commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section, and all regulations so made shall have the force of law insofar as they are not inconsistent with this section.'

*Revisor's note:* Reallocated as § 53-C. .

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