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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fourth Legislature

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of probate of Lincoln county, as amended by section 6 of chapter 154 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'for clerks in the office of register of probate, ~~\$1,200~~ \$1,820;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 79, § 231, amended. That part of section 231 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, which relates to the salary of the register of deeds in Lincoln county, as amended by section 5 of chapter 154 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Lincoln, ~~\$1,600~~ \$1,820.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 79, § 269, amended. That part of section 269 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, which relates to clerk hire in the office of register of deeds of Lincoln county, as amended by chapter 339 of the public laws of 1945 and by section 6 of chapter 154 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'for clerks in the office of register of deeds, ~~\$1,200~~ \$1,400, and such additional sum not exceeding \$600, when necessary, subject to the approval of the county commissioners;'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 354

### AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Municipal Town Forest Fire Wardens.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 85, § 58, repealed and replaced. Section 58 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 362 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 58. Forest fire wardens; appointment; term; deputy forest fire wardens; fee. The forest commissioner shall appoint a forest fire warden for a 3 year term in each organized town, city and plantation within the state outside the limits of the Maine forestry district for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires. Such forest fire warden appointment shall be made with the approval of the municipal officers. A municipal officer, fire chief, fire ward or any citizen is eligible for appointment. All appointed forest fire wardens shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties and a certificate thereof shall be returned to the office of the forest commissioner. Whoever has been notified of this appointment shall file with the forest commissioner his acceptance or rejection within 10

days. The appointed forest fire warden may appoint one or more deputy forest fire wardens subject to approval of the municipal officers. The forest commissioner shall have the authority, with local municipal approval, to remove from office any town forest fire warden who fails to perform his official duties and to fill any vacancy caused by death, resignation or transfer.

The state shall pay the appointed forest fire warden an annual fee of \$50. This payment shall be made contingent upon attendance at forest fire training schools, preparation of an annual forest fire plan for his town and such reports as the forest commissioner may require. This fee in no way limits payment to the warden from his town. His services for work on actual forest fires, also deputy forest fire warden's, shall be paid by the town and at a rate determined by the town.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Effective August 6, 1949

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## Chapter 355

### AN ACT for State Forest Fire Prevention and Control in Organized Towns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, §§ 72-A-72-F, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 72-A to 72-F, to read as follows:

#### 'Fire Prevention and Control in Organized Towns

Sec. 72-A. **Preamble.** The purpose of sections 72-A to 72-F, inclusive, is to place forest fire control under the forestry department for the entire state. This is a step-up plan from present state cooperation with towns to provide state forest fire control in all organized towns, cities and plantations. This will give incorporated areas, as well as the Maine forestry district, an unbroken chain of command from town forest fire warden to forest commissioner. A maximum amount of responsibility and authority will remain with each local community. However, sections 72-A to 72-F, inclusive, will provide state authority whenever the town system breaks down.