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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fifth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 232

### 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:*

R. S., c. 100, § 129-A, amended. The last sentence of section 129-A of chapter 100 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 290 of the public laws of 1947 and as amended by section 129 of chapter 349 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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 treasurer upon approval of the county commissioners to the municipality employing such police officer or constable.'

Effective August 20, 1951

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## Chapter 233

### AN ACT Relating to Acquisition of National Forests in Oxford County.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the federal government has acquired in the state a great deal of land for national forests; and

Whereas, such acquisitions deprive the several cities and towns of needed taxable property; and

Whereas, such loss of taxable property prevents the towns from adequately carrying out their normal functions; and

Whereas, the resulting hardship on the people of the several towns should be prevented in the future; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 32, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The provisions of this section as they relate to Oxford county shall be limited to such acquisition as shall have been actually acquired prior to the effective date of this act and no further land in Oxford county shall be acquired after such date.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 27, 1951

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## Chapter 234

### AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and the Superior Courts Upon Retirement.

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

R. S., c. 94, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 94 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3. Compensation of justices upon retirement.** Any justice of the superior court who resigns his office, or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 70 years and after having served as such justice for at least 7 consecutive years, shall receive annually during the remainder of his life, ~~whether or not he is appointed an active retired justice as provided in the following section~~ an amount equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the salary which was being paid to him at the termination of his service, to be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the justices of said court are paid; provided, however, that such justice shall terminate his service before his 71st birthday, unless he be a justice who has attained or hereafter shall attain the age of 70 years during his continuance in office as such justice under an appointment made prior to ~~90 days after the adjournment of the 94th legislature in regular session~~ August 6, 1949, in which case to be entitled to compensation as aforesaid he shall terminate his service before his 72nd birthday. **An active retired justice shall receive annually, beginning January 1st, 1951, an amount equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the salary now paid to justices of said court.** Any justice who continues to serve until or after the birthday applicable to the termination of his service, as aforesaid, shall waive his right to the compensation hereinbefore mentioned and make no claim therefor at the termination of his service, and the right of any justice drawing such compensation to continue to receive it shall