

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
  
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3. Exception. Smoking may be permitted in jury rooms, provided all members present have given their consent for others to smoke.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 227

H.P. 1111 - L.D. 1456

### AN ACT to Protect the Quality of Lobsters.

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

12 MRSA §6441 is enacted to read:

§6441. Plugged lobsters

The commissioner, in accordance with section 6191, may adopt regulations prohibiting the possession of plugged lobsters, provided that he has determined that these regulations will not adversely affect lobster importation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 228

H.P. 1135 - L.D. 1488

### AN ACT to Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it has become necessary to revise the salaries of certain county officials; and

Whereas, these revisions are vitally necessary at the earliest possible time this law can become effective; 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:

30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 654, §§1 to 17, is further amended to read:

1. County officers' salaries. The county commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury, in weekly, biweekly or monthly payments, as follows:

A. Androscoggin County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman		\$ 5,050
(b) Members		4,250
(2) Treasurer	<del>11,235</del>	<u>15,000</u>
(3) Sheriff	<del>16,050</del>	<u>18,050</u>
(4) Judge of probate	<del>9,069</del>	<u>10,069</u>
(5) Register of probate	<del>11,220</del>	<u>13,520</u>
(6) Register of deeds	<del>13,000</del>	<u>14,300</u>

B. Aroostook County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman		\$ 8,556
(b) Members		4,400
(2) Treasurer		6,600
(3) Sheriff	<del>16,500</del>	<u>17,000</u>
(4) Judge of probate		9,350
(5) Register of probate	<del>10,000</del>	<u>10,500</u>
(6) Register of deeds		
(a) Northern District	<del>12,100</del>	<u>12,600</u>



## F. Kennebec County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman	\$ 4,883	\$ <u>5,274</u>
(b) Members	4,557	<u>4,922</u>
(2) Treasurer	7,052	<u>7,616</u>
(3) Sheriff	17,577	<u>18,983</u>
(4) Judge of probate	11,284	<u>12,187</u>
(5) Register of probate	12,502	<u>13,502</u>
(6) Register of deeds	12,502	<u>13,502</u>

## G. Knox County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman	\$ 3,108	\$ <u>3,508</u>
(b) Members	2,865	<u>3,165</u>
(2) Treasurer	4,446	<u>4,946</u>
(3) Sheriff	16,305	<u>16,891</u>
(4) Judge of probate	9,784	<u>10,239</u>
(5) Register of probate	10,435	<u>10,904</u>
(6) Register of deeds	12,167	<u>12,670</u>

## H. Lincoln County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman	\$ 4,050	\$ <u>4,375</u>
(b) Members	3,400	<u>3,675</u>
(2) Treasurer	3,950	<u>4,270</u>
(3) Sheriff	18,535	<u>19,626</u>
(4) Judge of probate	10,000	<u>10,800</u>
(5) Register of probate	11,550	<u>12,474</u>
(6) Register of deeds	13,900	<u>15,362</u>

## I. Oxford County:

(1) Commissioners		
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(a) Chairman	\$ 3,774	\$ <u>4,038</u>
(b) Members	3,396	<u>3,634</u>
(2) Treasurer	4,818	<u>5,155</u>
(3) Sheriff	18,199	<u>18,979</u>
(4) Judge of probate	10,043	<u>10,746</u>
(5) Register of probate	11,552	<u>12,332</u>
(6) Register of deeds		
(a) Eastern District	11,930	<u>12,710</u>
(b) Western District	8,533	<u>9,313</u>

J. Penobscot County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman	\$6,032	\$ <u>6,344</u>
(b) Members	5,720	<u>6,032</u>
(2) Treasurer	600	<u>1,300</u>
(3) Sheriff	16,120	<u>19,136</u>
(4) Judge of probate	14,300	<u>16,120</u>
(5) Register of probate	11,960	<u>14,768</u>
(6) Register of deeds	11,960	<u>14,768</u>

K. Piscataquis County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman		\$ 3,700
(b) Members		3,000
(2) Treasurer	3,700	<u>4,000</u>
(3) Sheriff	14,950	<u>17,000</u>
(4) Judge of probate	9,000	<u>9,900</u>
(5) Register of probate	10,150	<u>11,150</u>
(6) Register of deeds	10,558	<u>11,558</u>

L. Sagadahoc County:

(1) Commissioners		
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	(a) Chairman	\$ 2,987	\$ <u>3,136</u>
	(b) Members	2,710	<u>2,845</u>
(2)	Treasurer	5,713	<u>5,999</u>
(3)	Sheriff	14,765	<u>15,799</u>
(4)	Judge of probate	10,526	<u>11,052</u>
(5)	Register of probate	11,501	<u>12,076</u>
(6)	Register of deeds	12,645	<u>13,530</u>
M. Somerset County:			
	(1) Commissioners		
	(a) Chairman	\$ 3,500	\$ <u>3,710</u>
	(b) Members	3,000	<u>3,180</u>
(2)	Treasurer	6,869	<u>7,282</u>
(3)	Sheriff	16,500	<u>17,490</u>
(4)	Judge of probate	11,000	<u>11,660</u>
(5)	Register of probate	11,600	<u>12,296</u>
(6)	Register of deeds	10,579	<u>11,214</u>
N. Waldo County:			
	(1) Commissioners		
	(a) Chairman	\$ 2,530	\$ <u>2,632</u>
	(b) Members	2,530	<u>2,632</u>
(2)	Treasurer		3,815
(3)	Sheriff	16,849	<u>17,523</u>
(4)	Judge of probate	9,848	<u>10,242</u>
(5)	Register of probate	10,884	<u>11,319</u>
(6)	Register of deeds	10,884	<u>11,319</u>
O. Washington County:			
	(1) Commissioners		
	(a) Chairman	\$ 4,250	\$ <u>4,505</u>

(b) Members	3,542	<u>3,755</u>
(2) Treasurer	9,755	<u>10,340</u>
(3) Sheriff	17,710	<u>18,773</u>
(4) Judge of probate	11,051	<u>11,715</u>
(5) Register of probate	10,940	<u>11,597</u>
(6) Register of deeds	10,940	<u>11,597</u>

P. York County:

(1) Commissioners		
(a) Chairman		\$ 4,500
(b) Member <u>Members</u>		4,000
(2) Treasurer		3,182
(3) Sheriff		17,500
(4) Judge of probate		10,000
(5) Register of probate		11,235
(6) Register of deeds		14,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be applied retroactively to January 1, 1983.

Effective May 5, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 229

S.P. 411 - L.D. 1264

AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities  
Commission to Expend Revenues Collected as  
Filing Fees or Expense Reimbursements.

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

35 MRSA §18 is enacted to read:

§18. Reimbursement fund

All money collected by the Public Utilities Com-