

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
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pensation shall approach individual members of the legislature or members elect thereof with the intent in any manner, directly or indirectly, to influence their action upon proposed legislation.

Sec. 44. Application of terms. R. S. c. 2, § 47. The provisions of sections 40 to 45, inclusive, shall not apply to state, county, municipal, or quasi-municipal officials, or their regularly elected or appointed subordinates, who act for no compensation other than their ordinary salary or compensation as such public officials or subordinates.

Sec. 45. Penalties for violation. R. S. c. 2, § 48. Whoever violates any provision of sections 40 to 43, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, and the attorney-general shall cause prosecutions to be instituted for the violation of any of the provisions of said sections. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall falsely enter upon the docket aforesaid the name or names of any person or firm as his or their legislative counsel or agent shall be punished by a fine of \$100 and shall be answerable in damages to the person or firm whose name or names has been so falsely entered.

CHAPTER 10.

REVISOR OF STATUTES.

Sec. 1. Appointment and term of revisor of statutes. 1931, c. 210, § 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a revisor of statutes who shall be a suitable person experienced in statutory revision and who shall serve for a period of 6 years, and thereafter until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sec. 2. Duties. 1931, c. 210, § 2. 1933, c. 266, §§ 1, 2. The duties of the revisor of statutes shall be:

I. (1933, c. 266, § 1) During each session of the legislature, to draft public laws at the request of members of the legislature provided the request for such drafting be made during the period expiring at least 1 week before the time set as a limit for the reception of public legislation, and to revise all legislation so far as may be practicable so that it shall be in conformity with and may be properly inserted in the revised statutes, under the direction of the senate and house of representatives;

II. Immediately after each session of the legislature to distinguish private and special laws from the public laws, and to cause cumulative tables to be prepared showing what general statutes have been affected by subsequent legislation in such manner as to furnish ready reference to all such changes in the statutes and in addition thereto shall make a complete index of the public laws of the state passed since the last revision of the statutes. The tables and index so prepared shall be printed in the official edition of the laws of the state;

III. (1933, c. 266, § 2) After each session of the legislature, to cause the public laws enacted thereat to be printed on good paper and in suitable type and to distribute the same within the state to all citizens thereof making a request therefor;

IV. After each session of the legislature to prepare a report inserting in their proper places in the revised statutes public laws enacted since the last revision of the statutes and to file this report with the secretary of state, and after each subsequent session of the legislature to prepare and file a report supplementing the report theretofore so filed so that such reports and supplements thereto shall form the basis of the next revision of the statutes;

V. After each session of the legislature to prepare a report to the legislature recommending legislation that will keep the statutes continuously revised and to file this report with the secretary of the senate on or before January 1st immediately preceding each biennial session of the legislature;

VI. To perform the duties previously required to be performed by the secretary of state as provided in the resolves of the legislature approved June 28, 1820, March 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842;

VII. To perform such other duties of a legal nature or connected with the revision of statutes as the governor or the legislature, or either branch thereof may direct.

See revision of inland fisheries and game laws, § 109-A (P. L. 1943).

Sec. 3. Salary; employees. 1931, c. 210, § 3; c. 216, Art. II. 1937, c. 221. The revisor of statutes shall receive such annual salary as shall be set by the governor and council. He may employ such assistants and employees as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of the personnel law.

CHAPTER 11.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

- Sections 1- 4 Governor and Council.
Sections 5- 8 Tenure of Office and Qualification of Officers.
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Sections 14-15 Acceptance of Federal Grants and Other Gifts.

Governor and Council

See 1931, c. 216, Art. I, § 1.

Sec. 1. Official residence of governor; office hours; private secretary; salary. R. S. c. 2, § 59; c. 125, § 1. The governor shall have his official residence at Augusta during his term of office, and shall keep his office at the state house open, either personally or by his private secretary, for the transaction of the business of the state during 4 business days of each week.

The private secretary of the governor shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office.

The governor shall receive an annual salary of \$5,000.

Sec. 2. Governor's expense account provided for. 1943, c. 187. The "governor's expense account", as heretofore established, shall be credited with such amounts as are appropriated by the legislature therefor. This appropriation shall be available for expenditure by the governor at his discretion. This account shall not be subject to audit, except as to total amount to be paid.