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Chapter 21.
Secretary of State.
Office and Duties.

Sec. 1. Secretary of state; office and duties; vacancy; salary; expenses; fees.

The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of \$10,000. He and his deputy shall also receive such actual traveling expenses incident to the administration of his department as shall be necessary.

(1955, c. 473, § 6. 1957, c. 418, § 6. 1959, c. 361, § 6.)

Effect of amendments. — The 1955 amendment increased the annual salary of the secretary of state from \$7,000 to \$8,000. to \$10,000 and carried appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1960 and 1961.

The 1957 amendment, effective July 1, 1957, increased his annual salary from \$8,000 to \$9,000 and carried appropriations for the fiscal years ending in 1958 and 1959.

As only the second paragraph was changed by the amendments, the rest of the section is not set out.

The 1959 amendment increased the salary of the secretary of state from \$9,000

Effective date. — P. L. 1959, c. 361, amending this section, provided in section 14 thereof as follows: "The provisions of this act shall become effective for the week ending August 22, 1959."

Sec. 4. Prepare commissions, record qualifications, engross bills.

Cited in Opinion of the Justices, 152 Me. 212, 142 A. (2d) 532.

Sec. 5. Distribute blanks for election returns; penalty for neglect.—He shall cause blanks for all election returns required by law to be seasonably distributed to the clerks of the several towns, by mail. If any clerk fails to receive such blanks by the 20th day of October in any year in which an election is held, of which returns are to be made to the office of the secretary of state, he shall forthwith notify the secretary of state. If the secretary of state neglects this duty he forfeits \$100 for each neglect. (R. S. c. 18, § 5. 1959, c. 204, § 28.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment divided the former first sentence of this section into two sentences, substituted the word "October" for "August" and added the words "of state" after the word "secretary" in the last sentence.

Fees.

Sec. 7. Fees payable by public officers.—A fee of \$5 shall be paid to the secretary of state by any person appointed to the office of justice of the peace, trial justice, notary public, commissioner to take depositions and disclosures, disclosure commissioner and commissioner appointed under chapter 168, section 24, before such person enters upon the discharge of his official duties. (R. S. c. 18, § 7. 1945, c. 378, § 14. 1959, c. 363, § 8.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment struck out the words "inspector of fish", formerly appearing in the third line of this section. It also struck out the words "section 24 of", formerly appearing before "chapter 168" and inserted "section 24" after "chapter 168", near the end of the section.