

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

H.P. 531 - L.D. 701

An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing County Sheriffs

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §373, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**1. Salaries; full compensation.** County sheriffs shall receive annual salaries as set forth in ~~section 2~~ subsection 3. The salaries are in full compensation for:

- A. Services in attendance upon the Supreme Judicial Court and upon the Superior Court;
- B. Services as jailer, master or keeper of the jail in each county;
- C. Receiving and committing prisoners in the jail;
- D. The service of all criminal and civil processes; and
- E. The performance of all duties relating to the enforcement of all criminal laws.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §373, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Salary; procedures.** The board of county commissioners of each county, through the county budget process, shall set the base salary for the county sheriff.

A. The salary for the county sheriff must be set prior to the election of a new county sheriff by the board of county commissioners by final budget approval prior to the first date that applicants may file with the Secretary of State for the office of county sheriff.

B. The salary of the county sheriff may not be reduced during the sheriff's term other than upon complaint of malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect, gross negligence or failure to maintain certification with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by the board of county commissioners to the Office of the Governor.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §374**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**§374. County sheriff to be full time**

The office of county sheriff is a full-time office in each county. The duties of the county sheriff include law enforcement, jail administration and court services, with irregular hours, requiring a nonstandard work schedule.

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In House of Representatives, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

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In Senate, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

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Approved ..... 2011

..... Governor