

No. 493

AN ACT

Fixing the fees chargeable for watchmen appointed by sheriffs, and making same recoverable as costs; also requiring indemnity therefor to be given to sheriffs when demanded.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter each sheriff, upon the application of any of the parties litigant, appointing any watchmen to take care of property attached, levied upon, or otherwise taken into legal custody, shall be entitled to receive five dollars for the services of each watchman during each period of eight hours, hereby designated as a day's service, and proportionate sums for services during fractions of such days, to be paid to the watchman rendering such services, and to be recoverable as costs by any party to the proceedings advancing such sums, unless such party shall be adjudged to have acted wrongfully therein, and, if any fees so chargeable are not so advanced from day to day, such sheriff may collect the same for the benefit of such watchman in like manner as other fees payable to the sheriff are collectible.

Sheriffs.

Fees for watchmen to care for property taken in custody.

Section 2. No sheriff shall be required to appoint any such watchman, for the benefit of any such party, until he receives indemnity satisfactory to him for the payment of the fees for such watchman or prepayment of same, and the refusal of any party in interest in any proceeding, excepting the Commonwealth or any county thereof, to give such indemnity, or prepay such fees for watchmen reasonably required to safeguard such property, shall relieve any sheriff demanding same from further responsibility to such party for such property if eloined.

Sheriff to receive indemnity.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1927.

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