

SEC. 24. Before auditing and allowing the accounts of the Coroner, the Supervisors of the county shall require a statement from him in writing, containing an inventory of all money and other valuables found with or upon all persons upon whom inquests shall have been held, in the manner in which the same has been disposed of, verified by the oath or affirmation of the Coroner making the same that such statement is in all respects just and true, and that the money and other articles mentioned therein have been delivered to the Treasurer of the county or to the legal representatives of such person or persons.

SEC. 25. The Coroner shall perform the duties of Sheriff in all cases when the Sheriff is interested or otherwise incapacitated from serving. Whenever the Coroner acts as Sheriff he shall possess the powers and perform all the duties of the Sheriff, and shall be entitled to the same fees as are allowed by law to the Sheriff for similar services.

SEC. 26. If the office of Coroner be vacant, or he be absent or unable to attend, the duties of his office may be performed by any Justice of the Peace of the county, with the like authority and subject to the same obligations and penalties as the Coroner.

SEC. 27. The Coroner of the City and County of San Francisco, in addition to the duties imposed by this Act upon every Coroner, shall keep a record of all inquests held by him, with a copy of all testimony and the inquisition of the juries in full; and in case of loss of the original records, the same shall be admissible in evidence with like effect as the original would have been.

SEC. 28. The Coroner of said city and county shall be authorized to appoint two Clerks, who shall be sworn to act as First and Second Deputy Coroners in all matters, except those duties in inquests which have been forbidden to be delegated by this Act. The salary of the Clerk sworn to act as First Deputy Coroner shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars per month, and the salary of the Clerk sworn to act as Second Deputy Coroner, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, which shall be paid from the Special Fee Fund of the said city and county. The Coroner of said city and county shall be authorized to appoint a Messenger whose duty it shall be to have charge of the dead wagon, keep in order the Morgue, and perform such other duties as are required by the Coroner or his Deputies in connection with the duties of his office. He shall receive a salary not to exceed seventy-five dollars per month to be paid in like manner as that of the Coroner's Clerks.—[Amendment Act March 23, 1876.]

SEC. 29. The Board of Supervisors of City and County of San Francisco are hereby authorized to provide a suitable office and jury room and Dead House or Morgue, with the furniture necessary to enable the Coroner to officially discharge the duties of his office and make the necessary appropriation therefor. They are further authorized to audit and pay for the necessary expenses of maintaining the Morgue and offices attached, such sum as may be necessary, not to exceed seventy-five dollars per month, to be paid out of the General Fund.

SEC. 30. The Coroner of the City and County of San Francisco shall receive no fees for any services rendered by him, but he shall in lieu thereof receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, payable in like manner as other county officers within said county, to be audited by the Auditor and paid out of the same fund provided for in the city and county treasury as in the cases of other officers in said city and county.

SEC. 31. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, so far as they conflict, are hereby repealed. This Act shall apply only to the City and County of San Francisco.

ARTICLE II.

PUBLIC ORDER AND POLICE.

SEC. 15. The Department of Police of said city and county shall be under the direction of the Chief of Police, in subjection to the laws of this State, and the rules and regulations not in conflict therewith, which may be established by competent authority under the powers granted in this Act. In the suppression of any riot, public tumult, disturbances of the public peace, organized resistance against the laws of public authorities, in the lawful exercise of their functions, he shall have all the powers that now are or may hereafter be conferred upon Sheriffs by the laws of this State; and his lawful orders shall be promptly executed by all Police Officers, Watchmen, and Constables, in the said city and county; and every citizen shall also lend aid, when required, for the arrest of offenders and maintenance of public order.

SEC. 16. The Chief of Police shall keep a public office, which shall be open and at which he, or in case of necessary absence, a Captain of Police or Police Officer, by him designated for that purpose, shall be in attendance at all hours, day and night. In case of his necessary absence from his office it shall be made known to the Police Officer in attendance where he can be found, if needed; and he shall not absent himself from the city and county without urgent necessity and leave obtained in writing from the President of the Board of Supervisors, Police Judge, and County Judge, or two of them, who shall at the time of granting the same appoint a person to act during his absence, with all his powers, duties, and obligations. If such absence from the city or county be on any other than business immediately connected with his office, he shall lose his salary for the time of such absence, of which account shall be taken by the Police Judge.