

or any part of the principal debt, in his discretion, so as to best subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharges to the said parties and their securities, upon the payment into the Treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in settlement as aforesaid, *provided, however*, that the Governor and Treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing of any such abatement before the same shall be effective, and *provided further*, that no discharge or acquittance under this Act shall be effective, unless the party or parties to be benefitted by the same shall first pay the State's Attorney who shall have the case in hand the legal fees, and also all fees of clerks and sheriffs.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the State's Attorneys shall, when required, render unto the Comptroller all the assistance he may require in the adjustment and settlement of the aforesaid claims, and the said State's Attorneys shall have power to examine evidence, and take and certify to affidavits as to the solvency of any official bond that may be in suit, or as to the solvency or insolvency of parties against whom fines and forfeitures were rendered, in all cases where such fines and forfeitures form part of the State's claim against the principal and securities on the bond aforesaid, and the State's Attorneys shall generally perform and do all other acts and things germane to the purpose of this Act that may be required in writing by the Comptroller as aforesaid, and shall certify and return to the Comptroller all the aforesaid evidences.

Compensat'n
of the State's
Attorney.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases wherein the Comptroller shall require the State's Attorneys to assist him in executing this Act, he shall allow them or any of them as compensation, a commission of five per cent. on any State claim that he may collect or assist him, the Comptroller, in collecting; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to expend, in his discretion, under the approval of the Governor and Treasurer as aforesaid, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the cost of taking and collecting the aforesaid evi-