

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 9.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN.

[S. 41.] AN ACT to facilitate the detection and punishment of certain offences.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Wherever there shall appear to the
2 attorney general probable cause to believe that the
3 offence of murder or arson, has been committed in this
4 state, and there is need of special investigation to dis-
5 cover the perpetrators thereof, the attorney general
6 may, upon the application of the county attorney of
7 the county in which such offence is believed to have
8 been committed, detail any civil officer to conduct
9 such investigation.

SECT. 2. Such officer so detailed shall make a
2 thorough investigation, and make full report thereof
3 to the county attorney. He may employ necessary

4 assistance of experts, when specially authorized by
5 the attorney general.

SECT. 3. Such officer shall be paid his necessary
2 expenses, and a reasonable compensation by the state,
3 and his accounts therefor shall be audited by the
4 governor and council.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 24, 1877.

Reported by Mr. VINTON of Cumberland, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and
laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*