

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 50.

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[NEW DRAFT.]

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT for the speedy detection and punishment  
of crime.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall appear to the  
2 governor probable cause to believe that the offence  
3 of murder has been committed in this state, and  
4 there is need of special investigation to discover  
5 the perpetrators thereof, the governor may, upon  
6 the application of the attorney general, or of the  
7 county attorney of the county in which such offence  
8 is believed to have been committed, authorize  
9 either of said officers to employ some civil officer  
10 or other suitable person to conduct such investiga-  
11 tion.

SECT. 2. Such officer or person so employed  
2 shall be paid his necessary expenses and reason-  
3 able compensation by the state for his services,  
4 and his account therefor shall be approved by the  
5 attorney general and such county attorney, and  
6 audited by the governor and council.

#### HOUSE AMENDMENTS.

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##### “A.”

Amend section one by striking out all in said  
2 section after the words “attorney general” in the  
3 sixth line, and insert the words “authorize some  
4 civil officer or other suitable person to conduct  
5 such investigation.”

##### “B.”

Amend section two by striking out the word  
2 “such,” and inserting instead thereof the word  
3 “the,” and after “attorney” in the same line, the  
4 words “for the county where the offence shall be  
5 committed.”

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 16, 1881.

On motion of Mr. MORTLAND, laid on the table to be printed  
with House Amendments A and B.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*