

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 114

In Senate, Feb. 25, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Thombs from Committee on Legal Affairs
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Thombs of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Section Twelve of Chapter One Hundred
and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to County
Jails.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section twelve of chapter one hundred and forty-two of
2 the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 words "every three months" in the first line thereof and
4 substituting the words 'each year' so that said section as
5 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 12. The inspectors shall visit all the jails at least
2 once in each year, and inquire into the management of the
3 same, give such advice in relation thereto as they deem

4 useful and proper; classify all convicts in said jails, hav-
5 ing regard to age, character and offenses; and for that
6 purpose may order the county commissioners of either of
7 the counties to make such alteration in their several jails
8 as the inspectors deem necessary, in order to classify the
9 convicts therein, and persons charged with crime; and if
10 said commissioners, after such order, neglect or refuse to
11 make such alteration, or to provide for the classification
12 of convicts and persons charged with crime, the inspectors
13 may cause said convicts and persons charged with crime
14 to be removed to any jail where such alteration or pro-
15 vision for classification has been made, and the expense
16 of the removal and keeping of such convicts or persons
17 shall be paid by the county from which such convict or
18 person is removed, and they may require the keeper of
19 said jail to keep a calendar, with such statistics in relation
20 to his jail as they may deem useful for future reference.
21 Said inspectors may remove prisoners from jails where no
22 arrangements have been made for the labor of convicts,
23 to some work-jail, and when any jail has a larger number
24 of convicts, either in custody or at labor than can be well
25 accommodated, they may remove a portion of them to
26 any other jail where better accommodations can be afforded.
27 Any jail where arrangements have been made or shall be
28 hereafter made for the labor of convicts committed for
29 any special crime, or class of crimes, at any special kind
30 of labor, shall be deemed a work-jail. For the removal
31 of convicts as aforesaid, the inspectors may issue precepts

32 to any officer qualified to serve precepts in criminal cases
33 in his county, to cause such removal, whether such service
34 is performed in whole or in part in one or more counties,
35 and the expense of removal shall be paid by the county
36 in which such convicts were sentenced. The inspectors
37 shall make a report of the condition of all the prisons to
38 the governor and council by the thirtieth day of November
39 annually.'