

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 392

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to County Jails.

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

Section twelve of chapter one hundred forty-two, of the  
2 revised statutes is hereby amended so that said section shall  
3 read as follows:

'Sect. 12. All jails shall be visited at least once each year  
2 by one or more of the inspectors, who shall inquire into  
3 the management of the same, give such advice in relation  
4 thereto as may be deemed useful and proper; classify all  
5 convicts in said jails, having regard to age, character and  
6 offenses; and for that purpose may order the county com-

7 missioners of either of the counties to make such altera-  
8 tion in their several jails as may be deemed necessary, in  
9 order to classify the convicts therein, and persons charged  
10 with crime; and make a report upon the condition of each  
11 jail visited at the next meeting of board of inspectors  
12 thereafter; and if said commissioners, after such order,  
13 neglect or refuse to make such alteration, or to provide for  
14 the classification of convicts and persons charged with  
15 crime, the said board of inspectors may cause said convicts  
16 and persons charged with crime to be removed to any jail  
17 where such alteration or provision for classification has  
18 been made, and the expense of the removal and keeping  
19 of such convicts or persons shall be paid by the county  
20 from which such convict or person is removed, and they  
21 may require the keeper of said jail to keep a calendar, with  
22 such statistics in relation to his jail as said board of in-  
23 spectors may deem useful for future reference.

Said board of inspectors may remove prisoners from jails  
2 where no arrangements have been made for the labor of  
3 convicts, to some work-jail, and when any jail has a larger  
4 number of convicts, either in custody or at labor than can  
5 be well accommodated, they may remove a portion of them  
6 to any other jail where better accommodations can be af-  
7 farded. Any jail where arrangements have been made or  
8 shall be hereafter made for the labor of convicts committed  
9 for any special crime, or class of crimes, at any special kind  
10 of labor, shall be deemed a work-jail. For the removal of

11 convicts as aforesaid, the board of inspectors may issue  
12 precepts to any officer qualified to serve precepts in crim-  
13 inal cases in his county, to cause such removal, whether  
14 such service is performed in whole or in part in one or more  
15 counties, and the expense of removal shall be paid by the  
16 county in which such convicts were sentenced. The board  
17 of inspectors shall make a report of the condition of all the  
18 prisons to the governor and council by the thirtieth day of  
19 November annually.'