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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Escape of Women Sentenced to the Maine State Prison.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 710, amended. Section 710 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 710. Assaulting officers; escape; prosecution

If a convict, sentenced to the State Prison for life or for a limited term of years, or transferred thereto from the Reformatory for Men under section 808, or committed thereto for safekeeping under Title 15, section 453, assaults any officer or other person employed in the government thereof, or breaks or escapes therefrom, or forcibly attempts to do so, he may be punished by confinement to hard labor for any term of years, to commence after the completion of his former sentence, ~~except in the case of a convict serving a life sentence, to commence at the completion of 30 years of such sentence~~ **or upon termination of such sentence by the State Probation and Parole Board; said termination shall not take place sooner than the expiration of the parole eligibility hearing date applicable to his former sentence.** The warden shall certify the fact of a violation of this section to the county attorney for the County of Knox, who shall prosecute such convict therefor.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 859-A, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 859-A, to read as follows:

§ 859-A. Escape of women prisoners

If any woman sentenced to the State Prison for life or for a limited term of years, confined at the Reformatory for Women, breaks or escapes therefrom, or

forcibly attempts to do so, she may be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 5 years, to commence after the completion of her former sentence, except that the State Probation and Parole Board, upon expiration of the parole eligibility hearing date applicable to the former sentence, may enter the woman prisoner upon execution of the sentence for escape, either terminating the former sentence or continuing execution thereof; parole, however, from the former sentence, in the event of continuation of execution, shall not take place until the parole eligibility hearing date applicable to the sentence for escape has expired. The superintendent shall certify the fact of a violation of this section to the county attorney for the County of Somerset, who shall prosecute such woman prisoner therefor.'