

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 16, 1967

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Inspection of County Jails.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph, the following paragraph:

Failure on the part of the county commissioners to maintain standards established under this section, discovered during any jail inspection conducted under this section, shall be reported by the commissioner in writing to the county commissioners of the county in which such jail is located, specifying deficiencies and departures from such standards. It shall be the responsibility of the county commissioners to cause such deficiencies to be corrected and such standards to be restored, within 60 days from receipt of the report of the commissioner. The commissioner may contract with any qualified person to serve as consultant to the department for the purpose of inspections under this section and to inspect the county jails, and any law to the contrary notwithstanding, such qualified person may be an officer or employee of the department.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, for the purpose of hiring an inspector of county jails. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
Mental Health and Corrections, Department of		
Personal Services	(1) \$2,500	(1) \$2,500