

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1054

S. P. 358

In Senate, February 26, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Kellam of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Property of Municipalities and School
Administrative Districts.**

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3851, amended. Section 3851 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 43 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, and as last amended by section 25 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

Whoever willfully trespasses upon land or buildings owned or occupied by any municipality or school administrative district, or whoever willfully refuses to leave land or buildings owned or occupied by any municipality or school administrative district after being requested to do so by an officer thereof or by any policeman, sheriff or deputy sheriff, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Although there is provision in the statutes for criminal penalties in the case of trespass on certain state properties, there is none in the case of trespass on property of municipalities or school administrative districts. This Act would punish willfull trespassers on such properties and also apply in the case of so-called "sit-in" demonstrations.