

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1547

H. P. 1313

House of Representatives, April 12, 1977

On motion of Mr. Bennett of Caribou, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Green of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Authorize County Jail Inmate Participation in Municipal Public
Works Projects.

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 1007, sub-§ 1, ¶ F is enacted to read:

F. Voluntary services for a municipality within the county in which the jail is located.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 1009 is enacted to read:

§ 1009. Prisoner participation in municipal public works projects

The sheriff in charge of a county jail may, in his discretion, permit certain inmates of that jail to participate in municipal public works-related projects in the county where the jail is located. Before an inmate is permitted to participate in this type of project, the judge or justice who originally sentenced the inmate to the county jail shall sign his approval to the inmate's participation.

Any inmate participating in a municipal public works-related project under this section shall have his sentence to the jail prorated at the rate of one day removed from the sentence for every 16 hours of participation in the project.

Participation in this type of project shall not be deemed employment under section 1007, subsections 3 through 7.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows a sheriff to permit an inmate sentenced to a county jail to work off time from his sentence by participating in a municipal public works-related project. This bill will thus give sheriffs added flexibility in dealing with county jail inmates, and will permit the inmates to work at a project which will simultaneously benefit the citizens of a municipality and help the inmate work time off his sentence.