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S.P. 536

In Senate, May 4, 1989

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Corrections suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative HOLT of Bath and Representative CHONKO of Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Relating to County Sheriffs.



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

3 **30-A MRSA §1501**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2
5 and Pt. C, §106 and as amended by PL 1989, cc. 6 and 9, is
further amended to read:

7 **§1501. Custody of jail and prisoners; jailer**

9 The sheriff has the custody and charge of the county jail
11 and of all prisoners in that jail and shall keep it in person, or
by a deputy or designee as jailer, master or keeper.

13 1. Subordinate assistants and employees. The Except as
15 provided in subsection 4, the jailer, master or keeper shall
appoint, subject to the requirements of section 501, all
17 subordinate assistants and employees. Subordinate assistants and
employees shall be appointed for the same period that is provided
19 for deputy sheriffs under section 381. The professional
qualifications required of them must emphasize training or
21 experience in or knowledge of corrections. The jailer, master or
keeper and all subordinate assistants and employees are subject
23 to the training requirements of Title 25, section 2805.

25 2. Compensation. The Except as provided in subsection 4,
the pay of the jailer, master or keeper and all subordinate
27 assistants and employees shall be set by the county commissioners
and paid by their respective counties, except when otherwise
provided by law.

29 3. Jailer and subordinates may be deputies. The jailer and
31 the jailer's subordinate assistants and employees may be deputy
sheriffs.

33 4. Contract with private corporation. Notwithstanding any
35 other provision contained in this Title, the county commissioners
and the sheriff may enter into a contract with a private
37 corporation for the operation and management of the county jail.
The period of operation of the jail by the private corporation
39 and the compensation to be paid by the county shall be governed
41 by the contract.

43 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

45 This bill provides that county commissioners and the sheriff
47 may contract with a private corporation to manage and operate a
county jail.