

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 51.

To the Hon. Senate and House of

Representatives of Maine, in Legislature assembled:

Your petitioner, member of the County Commissioners, Sheriffs and Jailers' Convention, held at Augusta, January 26th and 27th inst., and acting under instructions from said Convention, respectfully petitions that such amendments, changes and alterations be made in the law as to have all sentences by the courts to imprisonment and labor for more than two years to the State Prison; and all for less than two years, in counties where there are work shops, to the county jail, unless in the opinion of the court having jurisdiction, there are special reasons why the sentence should be to the State Prison; and that all sentences of two years be left discretionary with the court. Furthermore that the law be so amended that the appointment of jailers shall be vested in the County Commissioners of the several counties, subject to the approval of the Prison and Jail Inspectors. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

JOHN READ.

JANUARY 28, 1876.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1876. }

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. DUTTON of Lewiston,
ordered printed and referred to the next Legislature.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*