

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 28.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-ONE.

AN ACT for the speedy detection and punishment
of crime.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION. 1. Whenever there shall appear to the
2 governor probable cause to believe that the offense
3 of murder has been committed in this state, and
4 there is need of special investigation to discover
5 the perpetrators thereof, the governor may, upon
6 the application of the attorney general, or of the
7 county attorney of the county in which such
8 offense is believed to have been committed, author-
9 ize either of said officers to employ some civil
10 officer or other suitable person to conduct such
11 investigation.

SECT. 2. Such officer or person so employed
2 shall be paid his necessary expenses and reason-
•3 able compensation by the state for his services,
4 and his account therefor shall be approved by
5 the attorney general and such county attorney,
6 and audited by the governor and council.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. FLINT, from Committee on Judiciary, and
ordered printed under Joint Rules.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*