

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 48.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section twelve, chapter forty-three  
of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section twelve of chapter forty-three  
2 of the revised statutes of 1871, is hereby amended,  
3 by striking out, after the word "county" in the  
4 second line, the words "within two years from the  
5 eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hun-  
6 dred and sixty-nine, and within six months after  
7 the formation of a new county," and by inserting  
8 after the word "erect," in the fourth line of said  
9 section, the words "and forever maintain," and by  
10 inserting after the word "their" in the same line,  
11 the word "several," and by striking out after the

12 word "counties" in said fourth line, the words "on  
13 land owned by the county, or for that purpose ac-  
14 quired by them," and by striking out in the ninth  
15 line of said section, after the word "shall," the  
16 words "and enclose," so that said section when so  
17 amended shall read as follows:

18 *Sect. 12.* The county commissioners, at the ex-  
19 pense of their county, shall erect and forever main-  
20 tain in their several counties, at such place or  
21 places as the public convenience requires, a true  
22 meridian line, to be perpetuated by stone pillars,  
23 with brass or copper points firmly fixed on the tops  
24 thereof, indicating the true range of such meridian,  
25 and shall protect the same, and provide a book of  
26 records to be kept by the clerk of the courts, or by  
27 a person appointed by them nearer to such struc-  
28 ture, and accessible to all persons wishing to refer  
29 thereto.

30 Section sixteen of chapter forty-three aforesaid,  
31 is hereby amended, by striking out after the word  
32 "meridian" in the first line of said section, the  
33 words "is so established," and inserting in place  
34 thereof, the words "or meridians are established,  
35 repaired, or rebuilt," so that said section when so  
36 amended shall read as follows:

37 *Sect. 16.* When such meridian or meridians are  
38 established, repaired, or rebuilt, in any county, the  
39 governor and council shall appoint a competent  
40 commissioner to inspect and verify it by astronom-  
41 ical observations, who shall make a report of his  
42 doings, with an accurate description of such struc-  
43 ture, its latitude and longitude, and the declination  
44 of the needle at the time, and deposit a record  
45 thereof with the clerk of the courts for such county,  
46 and shall be entitled to such just compensation for  
47 his services as the governor and council may allow.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when ap-  
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 9, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. FREEMAN, from Committee on Legal Affairs,  
and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*