

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 206.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the employment of persons convicted of being tramps.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECT. 13. They shall, at the expense of their several counties, provide some suitable place, materials and implements for the breaking of stone into suitable condition for the building and repair of highways, and shall cause all persons sentenced under the provisions of section 17 of chapter 128, to labor at breaking stone. And they may, at the expense of their several counties, provide suitable materials and implements sufficient to keep at work all persons committed to either of such jails, and may from time to time establish needful rules for employing, reforming and governing the persons so committed,

15 for preserving such materials and implements, and for
16 keeping and settling all accounts of the cost of procuring
17 the same, and of all labor performed by each of the per-
18 sons so committed, and may make all necessary contracts
19 in behalf of their several counties.'

SECT. 2. Section 17 of chapter 128 of the Revised
2 Statutes, is hereby amended so that said section, as
3 amended, shall read as follows :

'SECT. 17. Whoever goes about from town to town, or
5 from place to place in any town, asking for food or shelter
6 or begging or subsisting upon charity, shall be deemed a
7 tramp, and be imprisoned in the county jail for not less
8 than sixty days, at hard labor for ten hours each day,
9 Sundays excepted. And should any person so sentenced
10 refuse to labor in accordance with the provisions of this
11 section, he shall be placed in solitary confinement and
12 provided with no food, except bread and water, until he
13 shall consent to labor in conformity with the requirements
14 of this section.'

SECT. 3. Section 24 of chapter 128 of the Revised
2 Statutes, is hereby amended so that said section, as amend-
3 ed, shall read as follows :

'SECT. 24. Mayors and selectmen shall appoint special
5 constables in each school district in their respective towns,
6 to arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective mu-
7 nicipalities.'

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 20, 1889.

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Brunswick; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*