

# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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No. 28.

# STATE OF MAINE.

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE

AN ACΓ to amend section twelve of chapter one hundred forty of the Revised Statutes relating to State Prison.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12 of chapter 140 of the Revised 2 Statutes is hereby amended so that said section as 3 amended shall read as follows:

'Section 12. The inspectors shall visit all the jails, at 5 least once in every three months, and inquire into the 6 management of the same, give such advice in relation 7 thereto as they deem useful and proper; classify all con-8 victs in said jails, having regard to age, character and 9 offences; and for that purpose may order the county

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10 commissioners of either of the counties to make such alter-11 ation in their several jails as the inspectors deem neces-12 sary, in order to classify the convicts therein, and persons 13 charged with crime; and if said commissioners, after such 14 order, neglect or refuse to make such alteration, or to 15 provide for the classification of convicts and persons 16 charged with crime, the inspectors may cause said con-17 victs and persons charged with crime to be removed to 18 any jail where such alteration or provision for classifica-19 tion has been made, and the expense of the removal and 20 keeping of such convicts or persons shall be paid by the 21 county from which such convict or person is removed, and 22 they may require the keeper of said jail to keep a calen-23 dar, with such statistics in relation to his jail as they may 24 deem useful for future reference. Said inspectors may 25 remove prisoners from jails where no arrangements have 26 been made for the labor of convicts, to some work jail; 27 and when any jail has a larger number of convicts, either 28 in custody or at labor than can be well accommodated, 29 they may remove a portion of them to any other jail where 30 better accommodations can be afforded; any jail where 31 arrangements have been made or shall be hereafter made 32 for the labor of convicts committed for any special crime, 33 or class of crimes, at any special kind of labor, shall be 34 deemed a work jail. For the removal of convicts as 35 aforesaid, the inspectors may issue precepts to any officer 36 qualified to serve precepts in criminal cases in his county,

37 to cause such removal, whether such service is performed 38 in whole or in part in one or more counties, and the 39 expense of removal shall be paid by the county in which 40 such convicts were sentenced. The inspectors shall make 41 a report of the condition of all the prisons to the governor 42 and council by the thirtieth day of November annually.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

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House of Representatives, January 24, 1895.

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Reported by Mr. LANE of Augusta, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.