

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 371.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to define the Jurisdiction and Authority of Constables and City Marshals in Criminal Matters in the county of York; amending section 54, chapter 80 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 54 of chapter 80 of the Revised  
2 Statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the  
3 following:

‘But, except for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom  
5 he has arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose  
6 of pursuing a person who has gone into another town and  
7 for whose arrest such constable or marshal has a warrant,

8 no constable of the several towns, or city marshal of the  
9 several cities, in the county of York shall have any author-  
10 ity in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or  
11 city in which he is elected or chosen.’ So that said section  
12 as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Section 54. A warrant issued by a municipal or police  
14 court, or a trial justice, for an offence committed in his  
15 county, or under the law for the maintenance of bastard  
16 children, may be directed to and executed by a constable of  
17 any town therein; and if the accused has gone into another  
18 county before or after the warrant was issued, a sheriff or his  
19 deputy, coroner, or constable, having the warrant, may pur-  
20 sue and arrest him in any county, and carry him to the  
21 county where the act complained of was committed; and  
22 when such officer arrests a person to commit him to the jail  
23 of his county, he may convey him by the most convenient  
24 and suitable route, although it pass through other counties.

But, except for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom he  
26 has arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose of pur-  
27 suing a person who has gone into another town and for  
28 whose arrest such constable or marshal has a warrant, no  
29 constable of the several towns, or city marshal of the several  
30 cities, in the county of York shall have any authority in  
31 criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city in  
32 which he is elected or chosen.’

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the  
2 Governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 24, 1897.

Reported by Mr. HAMILTON of Biddeford, from Committee on  
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*