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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 72

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-four of chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-eight of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to constables.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-four of chapter eighty of the 2 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter three hundred 3 and twenty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred 4 and ninety-seven, is further amended by adding after the 5 word "escaped" in the thirteenth line the following or 6 for the purpose of taking a prisoner before such a court

7 or trial justice, or for the purpose of executing a mittimus 8 given to him by such court or trial justice' and by striking 9 out after the word "cities" in the seventeenth line 'in the 10 county of York' so that said section as amended shall read 11 as follows:

A warrant issued by a municipal or police 13 court or a trial justice, for an offence committed in his 14 county, or under the laws for the maintenance of bastard 15 children, may be directed to and executed by a constable 16 of any town therein; and if the accused has gone into 17 another county before or after the warrant was issued, a 18 sheriff or his deputy, coroner, or constable, having the 19 warrant, may pursue and arrest him in any county, and 20 carry to the county where the act complained of was com-21 mitted; and when such officer arrests a person to com-22 mit to the jail of his county, he may convey him by 23 the most convenient and suitable route, although it pass 24 through other counties. But, except for the purpose of 25 retaking a prisoner whom he has arrested and who has 26 escaped, or for the purpose of taking a person before such 27 a court or trial justice, or for the purpose of executing a 28 mittimus given to him by such a court or trial justice, or 29 for the purpose of pursuing a person who has gone into 30 another town and for whose arrest such constable or 31 marshal has a warrant, no constable of the several towns, 32 or city marshal of the several cities shall have any authority 33 in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city 34 in which he is elected or chosen.'



STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives, Augusta, February 6, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.