

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 390

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section fourteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to criminal proceedings in court.

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

Section 1. Section fourteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out of said section all after the word "counsel" in the eleventh line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'and reasonable compensation for the services of counsel shall be allowed by the court, to be paid out of the county treasury,' so that said section fourteen as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The clerk shall, without charge, furnish to every 10 person indicted for a crime punishable by imprisonment in

11 the state prison, a copy of the indictment; if for a crime pun-  
12 ishable by death or imprisonment for life, he shall also fur-  
13 nish a list of the jurors returned, and process to obtain wit-  
14 nesses, to be summoned and paid at the expense of the state;  
15 if for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of years,  
16 witnesses shall be summoned and paid at the expense of the  
17 state only at the discretion of the court. Competent counsel  
18 shall be assigned by the court in capital cases, when it ap-  
19 pears that the accused has not sufficient means to employ  
20 counsel; and reasonable compensation for the services of coun-  
21 sel shall be allowed by the court, to be paid out of the county  
22 treasury.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*