

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 149

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to the commitment of the Insane, and to  
abolish the right of appeal to Justices of the Peace and  
Quorum.

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

Section 1. Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and  
2 forty-three of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. Section sixteen of chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 three of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read  
3 as follows:

'Sect. 16. If the municipal officers neglect or refuse, for  
5 three days after complaint is made to them to examine and  
6 decide any case of insanity in their town, complaint may be  
7 made by any blood relative, husband or wife of said alleged

8 insane person, or by any justice of the peace, to two justices  
9 of the peace and quorum; and the two justices to whom such  
10 application is made shall immediately inquire into the con-  
11 dition of such alleged insane person, and shall proceed in the  
12 manner provided in section thirteen.'

Sect. 3. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and  
2 forty-three of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended so as  
3 to read as follows:

'Sect. 17. Such justices shall keep a record of their doings  
5 and furnish a copy thereof to any person interested request-  
6 ing and paying for it; they shall be entitled to the same fees  
7 as for a criminal examination, to be paid by the person or  
8 corporation liable in the first instance for the support of the  
9 insane person in the hospital.'

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



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 27, 1903.

Reported by Mr. GOODWIN from Committee on Revision of Statutes,  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules,

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.