

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 181

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to establish in Androscoggin County a County
Farm for Inebriates.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The county commissioners of the county of An-
2 droscoggin are hereby authorized to acquire a tract of land
3 situated in said county of Androscoggin, suitable for farm-
4 ing purposes, not exceeding one thousand acres in area, to
5 be used as county farm for the employment and reforma-
6 tion of inebriates, either by purchase, exchange or by tak-
7 ing as for public uses. And said county commissioners are
8 further authorized to erect and maintain upon said land
9 suitable buildings for officers' quarters, the proper accom-

10 modation and custody of such prisoners as may hereafter
11 be sent there by the courts of Androscoggin county, and
12 such other buildings as said county commissioners shall
13 deem necessary, the labor in constructing said buildings to
14 be performed by the prisoners so far as is practicable to the
15 health and safety of said prisoners.

Sect. 2. In order to provide for the purchase price of said
2 land and the cost of the erection of said buildings, these
3 said county commissioners are authorized to borrow a sum
4 of money not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,-
5 000) and to issue interest bearing bonds of said county for
6 that purpose.

Sect. 3. The county commissioners shall have the general
2 superintendence, management and control of said county
3 farm, of the land and buildings, officers and employees
4 thereof, of the inmates confined therein, and all matters re-
5 lating to the government, discipline, contracts and fiscal con-
6 cerns thereof, and make such rules and regulations not in-
7 consistent with law as may seem to them proper or neces-
8 sary for the government of the farm, its officers and em-
9 ployees and for the employment, discipline and education of
10 the inmates thereof. Said board of the county commission-
11 ers together with the superintendent shall constitute a board
12 of parole and shall have power to parole or discharge in-
13 mates as hereinafter provided. They shall cause to be kept
14 regular and complete books of accounts of all property, ex-
15 penses and income of the farm and shall publish the same

16 together with a report of the superintendent in their annual
17 report now required by law.

Sect. 4. The officers of the county farm shall be a superin-
2 tendent and as many assistants as the superintendent and
3 county commissioners shall deem necessary; all of such offi-
4 cers shall be males, one of whom shall act as deputy super-
5 intendent during the absence of the superintendent. The
6 superintendent shall be appointed by the county commis-
7 sioners and shall hold office during their pleasure and he
8 shall have and exercise all of the powers of a deputy sheriff
9 in criminal matters. Before entering upon his duties he
10 shall give a bond to the treasurer of the county of Andros-
11 coggin in the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars with
12 sureties approved by the county commissioners for the
13 faithful performance of his duties. He shall reside at all
14 times within the precincts of the county farm, appoint
15 necessary assistants for whom he shall be responsible; keep
16 the names of all prisoners committed in a suitable book, a
17 record of the conduct of each, have control of them, govern
18 and employ them according to the rules of the farm, and
19 shall have the management and direction of the farm, its in-
20 mates, its employees and affairs, subject to the approval of
21 the county commissioners.

Sect. 5. The superintendent shall receive a sum not exceed-
2 ing twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars per annum, and each
3 assistant a sum not exceeding six hundred (\$600) dollars
4 per annum, to be determined by the county commissioners,

5 to be paid monthly by the county treasurer upon orders
6 drawn by the county commissioners. No other perquisite,
7 reward, or emolument shall be allowed or received by any
8 of them except that all of such officers shall reside on said
9 farm at the public charge and each shall be allowed a vaca-
10 tion of fourteen days, without loss of pay.

The superintendent may employ at the expense of the
12 county a suitable person to act in their place during such
13 vacation. He shall provide for the use of the prisoners at
14 the expense of the county a copy of the Bible, or of the new
15 testament, books, papers and magazines not exceeding in
16 cost one hundred dollars in one year. He shall in conjunc-
17 tion with the county commissioners, furnish instruction in
18 reading and writing one hour each day, except Sunday, to
19 prisoners in his charge who may be benefited thereby and
20 shall provide such moral and religious instruction as they
21 may be able to obtain without expense.

Sect. 6. The judge of the supreme court of the county of
2 Androscoggin and the judges of the municipal courts and
3 trial justices in the several cities and towns in said county
4 may sentence male persons convicted of drunkenness, va-
5 grancy or non-support, in said courts to imprisonment and
6 labor on said county farm, in accordance with section fifty-
7 seven, chapter twenty-nine, of the revised statutes of nine-
8 teen hundred and three and any act additional thereto or
9 amendatory thereof, instead of in the county jail or in any
10 house of correction.

Sect. 7. When a man is sentenced to be imprisoned on the
2 county farm, the judge or trial justice imposing sentence
3 shall not prescribe the length of sentence other than it shall
4 not be for less than three months or more than one year.
5 When a man is so sentenced to be imprisoned on the county
6 farm, he shall be held and employed thereon for not more
7 than one year.

Sect. 8. When a prisoner has been confined on the farm for
2 the term of three months, if it appears to the superinten-
3 dent and county commissioners that he has reformed, they
4 may issue to him a permit to be at liberty during the re-
5 mainder of his term of sentence, which may be revoked by
6 them at any time previous to its expiration, subject to such
7 rules as they may prescribe and he shall report to them or
8 any probation officer in said county at such times as they
9 may require for a period not longer than the maximum pe-
10 riod of his original sentence.

Sect. 9. If the holder of a permit to be at liberty from the
2 county farm shall faithfully fulfill all of the requirements
3 of the superintendent, county commissioners and probation
4 officers and in no way violate the same, the charge against
5 him shall be dropped and he shall not be liable to be re-
6 arrested on the same charge.

Sect. 10. If the holder of a permit to be at liberty from the
2 county farm violates the provisions thereof or it is revoked
3 by the superintendent and county commissioners, they or

4 any one of them may issue an order for his return to the
5 farm and he may be returned by any one of them or any
6 officer qualified to serve civil or criminal precepts.

A prisoner who has been so returned to the county farm
8 shall be detained thereon according to the term of his orig-
9 inal sentence. In computing the period of his confinement,
10 the time between his release upon a permit and his return
11 shall not be considered as any part of the term of his orig-
12 inal sentence.

If at the time of the order of return to the farm or of the
14 revocation of his permit to be at liberty he is confined in
15 any jail or prison, service of such order shall not be made
16 until his release therefrom.

Any person so returned may be again permitted to be at
18 liberty after the expiration of three months.

Sect. 11. If a prisoner serving sentence at the county
2 farm is refractory or if during the term of his sentence he
3 refuses or neglects without reasonable cause to labor in a
4 suitable manner when required, he may be kept in solitary
5 confinement and fed on bread and water so long as he re-
6 mains refractory or refuses to labor. Any person so pun-
7 ished shall not be eligible to receive a permit to be at liberty
8 until three months from date of such punishment.

Sect. 12. If a prisoner serving sentence at the county
2 farm escapes or attempts to escape or goes away from said
3 farm without permission he shall when recaptured be re-
4 turned subject to such rules and regulations as said county

5 commissioners and superintendent shall deem necessary to
6 keep him at the farm.

Sect. 13. The county commissioners, in addition to the
2 salary allowed them by law, shall be reimbursed by the
3 county treasurer for such necessary expenses as are in-
4 curred for travel to and from the county farm or in con-
5 nection with the business thereof. They may provide pris-
6 oners with clothing whenever they shall deem is necessary
7 and may furnish transportation to their homes.