

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 104

In Senate, Jan. 28, 1913.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, and on motion by Senator Hersey of Aroostook laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to authorize Employment of County Prisoners on
Highways.

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

Section 1. County commissioners may authorize the keep-
2 ers of jails to put able-bodied male prisoners to work on
3 the building or repairing of highways within their county.
4 The county commissioners shall make rules and regulations
5 and appoint overseers and keepers needful for the direction
6 and safe keeping of prisoners so employed, and such over-
7 seers and keepers shall have all authority conferred by stat-
8 ute on masters of houses of correction and shall be respon-

9 sible for the safe keeping and return to jail of all prisoners
10 in their custody, and shall be subject to the provisions of
11 section 57 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes. No pris-
12 oner shall be so employed who has been exempted therefrom
13 by the magistrate imposing sentence, or if in the judgment
14 of a physician expressed by a certificate he is unfit for such
15 labor. County commissioners shall supply all prisoners so
16 employed with suitable clothing and tools, and shall keep
17 account of all cost incident to such employment.

* Sect. 2. The State Highway Department and municipal
2 officers of towns may make application for the services of
3 prisoners as aforesaid and may enter into an agreement as
4 to the cost and compensation to be paid to the county for
5 such services, and the sum so agreed on may be paid out
6 of moneys appropriated for highway purposes. All such
7 labor shall be under the general direction of the board or
8 persons charged with the work.

Sect. 3. On written petition signed by at least three per
2 cent. of the voters in the county, as determined by the num-
3 ber of votes cast therein for governor at the last preceding
4 election, addressed to the county commissioners requesting
5 the employment of prisoners as above provided, the com-
6 missioners shall act thereon and shall designate prisoners
7 available for work under the conditions provided in this act.