

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 603

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*House of Representatives, March 16, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Garcelon of Auburn.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Ten of Chapter One Hundred  
Thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Appoint-  
ment of Probation Officers.

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

Section ten of chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the re-  
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words,  
3 "shall, on recommendation of the county commissioners of  
4 any county, appoint therein," in the second and third lines  
5 of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words,  
6 'shall appoint in any county of the state where in his judg-

7 ment such appointment is advisable,' so that said section as  
8 amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 10. The governor, by and with the consent of the  
2 council, shall appoint in any county of the state where in his  
3 judgment such appointment is advisable, one probation  
4 officer, who shall be a male citizen of the county in which he  
5 is appointed and of good moral character; he shall hold  
6 office during the pleasure of such governor and council, and  
7 shall receive as his compensation such sum as the county  
8 commissioners of his county shall fix, which shall be paid  
9 from the county treasury in equal monthly instalments. The  
10 county commissioners of such county shall at their next  
11 session after such appointment by the governor, determine  
12 and fix the amount of such compensation, which shall not be  
13 diminished during the term of office of a probation officer,  
14 but may be increased if it seems just to the county commis-  
15 sioners so to do. In addition to such compensation, each  
16 probation officer shall receive monthly such sums as he has  
17 reasonably and properly paid for his expenses incurred in  
18 the performance of his duty; each probation officer shall on  
19 or before the last day of each month submit under oath to  
20 the county commissioners in his county an itemized state-  
21 ment of such expenditures. If in any county it seems to the  
22 governor and council necessary to have more than one pro-  
23 bation officer, the governor, by and with the consent of the  
24 council, may appoint one or more associates, who shall have  
25 all the authority under the direction of the probation officer

26 which such probation officer has, and who shall receive for  
27 compensation and expenses such sum as the county com-  
28 missioners in his county shall deem just and proper.'