

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 15

In Senate, Jan. 18, 1917.

Presented by Mr. Merrill of Somerset and on motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock laid on the table for printing; five hundred copies ordered printed pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Merrill of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to the duties of County Attorneys.

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

Section 1. Every county attorney (unless he makes an
2 order of dismissal as hereinafter provided) shall diligently
3 and without delay proceed to final judgment, sentence and
4 execution all civil and criminal cases in which the state is a
5 party pending in the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior
6 Court in his county. He shall also promptly enforce the
7 payment of forfeited recognizances.

Sect. 2. In order to dismiss a civil or criminal case the
2 county attorney shall make a written order therefor upon
3 the back of the writs, indictments or complaint, with a
4 statement of his reasons for so doing. No entry of dismissal
5 shall be made upon the docket of the court, and no case
6 shall be considered dismissed until such order and statement
7 shall be made and order of dismissal approved by the
8 justice presiding.

Sect. 3. No such order of dismissal shall be in any
2 criminal case in consideration of any payment of money or
3 doing of any other act by the respondent in lieu of fine,
4 costs, or any other penalty to which he may be liable.