

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 273

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*In Senate, March 2, 1917.*

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

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Peacock of Washington.*

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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 fifteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, relating to proceedings in court in criminal cases.

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

Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of  
2 the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, is hereby amended by  
3 adding after the word "life" in the tenth line thereof the  
4 words 'or for a term of years,' so that said section as amend-  
5 ed shall read as follows:

'Sect. 15. The clerk shall, without charge, furnish to any

2 person indicted for a crime punishable by imprisonment in  
3 the state prison, a copy of the indictment; if he is indicted  
4 for a crime punishable by imprisonment for life, the clerk  
5 shall furnish a copy of the indictment, a list of the jurors  
6 returned, and process to obtain witnesses, to be summoned  
7 and paid at the expense of the state; if for a crime punish-  
8 able by imprisonment for a term of years, witnesses shall  
9 be summoned and paid at the expense of the state only at  
10 the discretion of the court. Competent counsel shall be  
11 assigned by the court in cases punishable by imprisonment  
12 for life, or for a term of years, when it appears that the  
13 accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel; and  
14 reasonable compensation for the services of counsel shall  
15 be allowed by the court to be paid out of the county  
16 treasury.'