

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to County Jails.

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

Section twelve of chapter one hundred forty-two, of the
2 revised statutes as amended is hereby further amended so
3 that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 12. All jails shall be visited at least once each
2 year by one or more of the commissioners, who shall in-
3 quire into the management of the same, give such advice
4 in relation thereto as may be deemed useful and proper;
5 classify all convicts in said jails, having regard to age,
6 character and offenses; and for that purpose may order
7 the county commissioners of either of the counties to make
8 such alteration in their several jails as may be deemed

9 necessary, in order to classify the convicts therein, and
10 persons charged with crime; and make a report upon the
11 condition of each jail visited at the next meeting of board
12 of commissioners thereafter; and if said commissioners,
13 after such order, neglect or refuse to make such alteration,
14 or to provide for the classification of convicts and persons
15 charged with crime, the said board of commissioners may
16 cause said convicts and persons charged with crime to be
17 removed to any jail where such alteration or provision for
18 classification has been made, and the expense of the re-
19 moval and keeping of such convicts or persons shall be
20 paid by the county from which such convict or person is
21 removed, and they may require the keeper of said jail to
22 keep a calendar, with such statistics in relation to his jail as
23 said board of commissioners may deem useful for future
24 reference.

Said board of commissioners may remove prisoners from
2 jails where no arrangements have been made for the labor
3 of convicts, to some work-jail, and when any jail has a
4 larger number of convicts, either in custody or at labor
5 than can be well accommodated, they may remove a por-
6 tion of them to any other jail where better accommodations
7 can be afforded. Any jail where arrangements have been
8 made or shall be hereafter made for the labor of convicts
9 committed for any special crime, or class of crimes, at any
10 special kind of labor, shall be deemed a work-jail. For the
11 removal of convicts as aforesaid, the board of commis-

12 sioners may issue precepts to any officer qualified to serve
13 precepts in criminal cases in his county, to cause such re-
14 moval, whether such service is performed in whole or in
15 part in one or more counties, and the expense of removal
16 shall be paid by the county in which such convicts were
17 sentenced. The board of commissioners shall make a report
18 of the condition of all the prisons to the governor and coun-
19 cil by the thirtieth day of November annually.'