

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 688

H. P. 1111 House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.
Referred to Committee on State Prison and 500 copies
ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Berry of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Designation of Roads for Repair by
Prisoners.

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

County commissioners to designate roads for repair by prisoners. Section fourteen of chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: 'In addition to the construction, altering and repairing of highways provided for by the usual appropriations, it shall be the duty of county commissioners to designate roads in their county, where able-bodied male prisoners shall be employed in the building, altering and repairing of highways within their county; such prison labor shall not be used in connection with paid labor with the exception of such overseers and officers who have them in charge,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Able-bodied male prisoners may be put to work on highways. In addition to the construction, altering and repairing of highways provided for by the usual appropriations, it shall be the duty of county commissioners to designate roads in their county, where able-bodied male prisoners shall be employed in the building, altering and repairing of highways within their county; such prison labor shall not be used in

connection with paid labor with the exception of such overseers and officers who have them in charge. They shall make rules and regulations and appoint overseers and keepers needful for the direction and safe-keeping of prisoners so employed, and such overseers and keepers shall have all authority conferred by law on masters of houses of correction and shall be responsible for the safekeeping and return to jail of all prisoners in their custody, and shall be subject to the provisions of section fifty-two of chapter ninety-four. No prisoner shall be so employed who has been exempted therefrom by the magistrate imposing sentence, or if in the judgment of a physician expressed by a certificate he is unfit for such labor. The county commissioners shall supply all prisoners with all necessary and suitable clothing of such description as will not materially distinguish them from other workmen; they shall also furnish said prisoners with the required tools and implements and may employ such other labor and purchase such other material and equipment as may be necessary to properly carry out the objects of this section, and shall keep account of all expenses incident to such employment. Section nineteen does not apply to this section and the three following sections.'