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House of Representatives, February 9, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jewett of Ripley.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to Duties of Selectmen.

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

Certain duties of selectmen. It shall be the duty of every selectman, who is cognizant of any official misconduct, defalcation, misappropriation of funds, larceny, embezzlement, or other unfaithful discharge of his duty by any town officer, which may be subject to a penalty of fine or imprisonment, or both, to report the facts to the county attorney, or apply to any trial justice or judge of a municipal court for warrant to apprehend such officer. It shall also be the duty of such selectmen by proper process to institute proceedings to recover upon any bond of such officer or in civil action on behalf of the town recover from such officer all loss, cost, interest, damage or expense arising or resulting from such unfaithful discharge of duty, and no town by vote of its inhabitants or otherwise shall have any power to discontinue, interrupt, interfere, or abate such proceedings until such town has been reimbursed for all such loss, cost, interest, damage or expense as above set forth.