

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 647

S. P. 237

In Senate, February 8, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Counties, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Welch of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Duties of County Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 16. Duties as to court-houses, temporary court-rooms, jails, and rooms for records and papers of county officers; care of files and records. The county commissioners may acquire land by purchase on condemnation for the enlargement of grounds around county buildings. The county commissioners shall, in the shire town of their county, provide and keep in repair court-houses with a suitable room in each for the county law library; jails, with apartments for debtors separate from criminals; and fire-proof buildings of brick or stone for the safe-keeping of records and papers belonging to the offices of registers of deeds, and of probate and insolvency, and of the clerk of courts, with separate fire-proof rooms, and suitable alcoves, cases, or boxes for each office, and also any other necessary buildings. They may also in any town in which a nisi prius term of the superior court is held contribute such amount as in their judgment seems proper to the repair and upkeep of any room used for the holding of such term of court. If in the judgment of the county commissioners public convenience so requires, they may, at the expense of the county, cause the files and rec-

ords of the probate and other county courts to be rearranged, indexed, and docketed, the dockets which are worn or defaced to be renewed, and the indexes to be consolidated under the direction of their respective registers and clerks of said courts.'