

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 211

In Senate, February 6, 1947

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Blanchard of Aroostook.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Relating to Insane Criminals.**

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

**R. S., c. 23, § 119, amended.** Section 119 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 119. Proceedings when a person, committed to jail on a criminal charge, pleads insanity.** When a person is indicted for an offense, or is committed to jail on a charge thereof by a trial justice, or judge of a municipal court, any justice of the court before which he is to be tried, if a plea of insanity is made in court, or he is notified that it will be made, may, in vacation or term time, order such person into the care of the superintendent of either insane hospital, to be detained and observed by him until further order of court **or any justice thereof in vacation**, that the truth or falsity of the plea may be ascertained. The superintendent of the hospital to which such person is committed shall, within the first 3 days of the term next after such commitment, and within the first 3 days of each subsequent term so long as such person remains in his care, report to the judge of the court before which such person is to be tried, whether his longer detention is required for purposes of observation.'