

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 167.

CHAP. 167

An act to facilitate the detection and punishment of Certain Offenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Whenever there shall appear to the attorney general probable cause to believe that the offense of murder or arson has been committed in this state, and there is need of special investigation to discover the perpetrators thereof, the attorney general may, upon the application of the county attorney of the county in which such offense is believed to have been committed, detail any civil officer to conduct such investigation.

Attorney general may detail any civil officer to investigate, where offence of murder or arson is probable.

SECT. 2. Such officer, so detailed, shall make a thorough investigation, and make full report thereof to the county attorney. He may employ necessary assistance of experts, when specially authorized by the attorney general.

Officers shall make report to county attorney.
—may employ experts.

SECT. 3. Such officer shall be paid his necessary expenses, and a reasonable compensation by the state, and his accounts therefor shall be audited by the governor and council.

—compensation.

Approved February 7, 1877.

Chapter 168.

An act in relation to County Treasurers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Any neglect by any county treasurer to make and forward the report provided in section thirteen, of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the revised statutes, shall be a breach of his official bond.

Neglect of county treasurers to make report, a breach of official bond.

SECT. 2. For every day of such neglect the county treasurer shall forfeit the sum of five dollars to the use of the state, and the attorney general shall bring an action on such treasurer's official bond, to recover such forfeiture.

Forfeiture, how recovered.

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