

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 238.**

An Act to amend Section fifty-four of Chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter three hundred and twenty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to Constables.

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

Section fifty-four of chapter eighty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is further amended by adding after the word "escaped" in the thirteenth line, the following: 'or for the purpose of taking a prisoner before such a court or trial justice, or for the purpose of executing a mittimus given to him by such court or trial justice' and by striking out after the word "cities" in the seventeenth line, "in the county of York" so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 54. A warrant issued by a municipal or police court or a trial justice, for an offense committed in his county, or under the laws for the maintenance of bastard children, may be directed to and executed by a constable of any town therein; and if the accused has gone into another county before or after the warrant was issued, a sheriff or his deputy, coroner, or constable, having the warrant, may pursue and arrest him in any county, and carry to the county where the act complained of was committed; and when such officer arrests a person to commit to the jail of his county, he may convey him by the most convenient and suitable route, although it pass through other counties. But, except, for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom he has arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose of taking a person before such a court or trial justice, or for the purpose of executing a mittimus given to him by such a court or trial justice, or for the purpose of pursuing a person who has gone into another town and for whose arrest such constable or marshal has a warrant, no constable of the several towns or city marshal of the several cities shall have any authority in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city in which he is elected or chosen.'

Section 54, chapter 80, R. S., as amended by chapter 328, laws of 1897, further amended.

Constables may serve warrants in any town in the county.

—officers may serve certain precepts in any county.

—commitment of persons.

—powers of constables restricted.

Approved March 21, 1901.