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OF THE

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STATE OF MAINE

1913

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Section 4. It shall be the duty of every municipal officer of a city, town or plantation, or for an unorganized place, of every county commissioner, when his attention is directed to any offense committed under this act, within his jurisdiction, to enter complaint against the offender and prosecute the same to final judgment.

CHAP. 20

Municipal officers and county commissioners shall enter complaint

Approved February 26, 1913.

Chapter 20.

An Act to Authorize Employment of County Prisoners on Highways.

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

Section 1. County commissioners may authorize the keepers of jails to put able-bodied male prisoners to work on the building or repairing of highways within their county. The county commissioners shall make rules and regulations and appoint overseers and keepers needful for the direction and safe keeping of prisoners so employed, and such overseers and keepers shall have all authority conferred by statute on masters of houses of correction and shall be responsible for the safe keeping and return to jail of all prisoners in their custody, and shall be subject to the provisions of section fifty-seven of chapter eighty-two of the Revised Statutes. No prisoner shall be so employed who has been exempted therefrom by the magistrate imposing sentence, or if in the judgment of a physician expressed by a certificate he is unfit for such labor. County Commissioners shall supply all prisoners with all necessary and suitable clothing of such description as will not materially distinguish them from other workmen; they shall also furnish said prisoners with the required tools and implements and may employ such other labor and purchase such other material and equipment as may be necessary to properly carry out the objects of this act, and shall keep account of all expenses incident to such employment.

County commissioners may put able bodied male prisoners to work on highways.

—shall make rules and regulations.

—authority of overseers.

—exception.

—county commissioners shall supply suitable clothing, not distinguishable from other workmen.

—shall furnish tools.

Section 2. Section sixteen of chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to this act.

Section 16, chapter 80, shall not apply to this act.

Section 3. The State Highway Department and municipal officers of towns may make application for the services of prisoners as aforesaid and may enter into an agreement as to the cost and compensation to be paid to the county for such services, and the sum agreed on may be paid out of moneys appropriated for highway purposes. All such labor shall be under the general direction of the board or persons charged with the work.

Application may be made for services of prisoners.

CHAP. 21

Three per centum of voters in county may request employment of prisoners.

Section 4. When a written petition signed by at least three per centum of the voters in any county, as determined by the number of votes cast therein for governor at the last preceding election, is addressed to the county commissioners of said county requesting the employment of prisoners as above provided, said commissioners shall act thereon and shall designate the prisoners available for work under the conditions provided in this act.

County commissioners may make contracts for employment of prisoners.

Section 5. Any contract for the employment of prisoners, not provided for in this act, which may be made by the county commissioners of any county, with any person, firm or corporation, shall be made subject to the right of the said county commissioners, to withdraw, cancel, or suspend said contract, in whole or in part.

—may cancel contracts.

Approved February 26, 1913.

Chapter 21.

An Act to Amend Section Five of Chapter Eighty-eight of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Jurisdiction of Trustee Actions.

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

Section 5, chapter 88, R. S., amended.

Section 1. Section five of chapter eighty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding the following: 'except that in a suit in which a railroad corporation is named and alleged as trustee, the action may be brought in any county in which said railroad corporation runs and operates its road,' so that said section as amended will read as follows:

Trustee actions, where brought.

'Section 5. If all the trustees live in the same county, the action shall be brought there; if they reside in different counties, in any county in which one of them resides; and in a trustee process against a corporation aggregate, its residence shall be deemed to be in the county in which it has its established or usual place of business, held its last annual meeting, or usually holds its meetings; except in a suit in which a railroad corporation is named and alleged as trustee, the action may be brought in any county in which said railroad corporation runs and operates its road.'

—exception.

Approved February 26, 1913.