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Chapter 56.

An Act to Amend Section Twelve of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to County Jails.

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

R. S., c. 142, § 12; relating to powers and duties of inspectors of jails. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "every three months" in the first line thereof and substituting the words 'each year' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Inspectors to visit jails once a year, instead of quarterly. The inspectors shall visit all the jails at least once in each year, and inquire into the management of the same, give such advice in relation thereto as they deem useful and proper; classify all convicts in said jails, having regard to age, character and offenses; and for that purpose may order the county commissioners of either of the counties to make such alteration in their several jails as the inspectors deem necessary, in order to classify the convicts therein, and persons charged with crime; and if said commissioners, after such order, neglect or refuse to make such alteration, or to provide for the classification of convicts and persons charged with crime, the inspectors may cause said convicts and persons charged with crime to be removed to any jail where such alteration or provision for classification has been made, and the expense of the removal and keeping of such convicts or persons shall be paid by the county from which such convict or person is removed, and they may require the keeper of said jail to keep a calendar, with such statistics in relation to his jail as they may deem useful for future reference. Said inspectors may remove prisoners from jails where no arrangements have been made for the labor of convicts, to some work-jail, and when any jail has a larger number of convicts, either in custody or at labor than can be well accommodated, they may remove a portion of them to any other jail where better accommodations can be afforded. Any jail where arrangements have been made or shall be hereafter made for the labor of convicts, committed for any special crime, or class of crimes, at any special kind of labor, shall be deemed a work-jail. For the removal of convicts as aforesaid, the inspectors may issue precepts to any officer qualified to serve precepts in criminal cases in his county, to cause such removal, whether such service is performed in whole or in part in one or more counties, and the expense of removal shall be paid by the county in which such convicts were sentenced. The inspectors shall make a report of the condition of all the prisons to the governor and council by the thirtieth day of November annually.'

Approved March 12, 1919.