

SENATE No. 273.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, June 19, P.M., 1883.

The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the Order authorizing the Committee on Prisons to investigate the management and discipline in prisons and houses of correction, &c., report in part the accompanying Bill.

For the committee,

CHAS. H. ALLEN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT

Abolishing the Office of Treasurer and Steward of
the Reformatory Prison for Women.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The superintendent of the Re-
2 formatory Prison for Women shall give a bond to
3 the Commonwealth, in the sum of ten thousand
4 dollars, with sureties to be approved by the gov-
5 ernor and council, which bond shall be condi-
6 tioned that he shall faithfully account for all
7 money belonging to the Commonwealth which is
8 placed in his hands, and that he shall perform
9 all the studies incumbent on him as superin-
10 tendent of said prison. He shall receive
11 and pay out all money paid from the treas-
12 ury of the Commonwealth for the support of
13 said prison, and shall receive all moneys due
14 him as superintendent, and pay the same to

15 the treasurer of the Commonwealth. He shall
16 purchase all supplies and other articles needed
17 for carrying on and managing the prison, and
18 shall have charge and custody of all property
19 connected with or belonging to the same. He
20 shall cause to be kept in suitable books, regular
21 and complete accounts of all the property, ex-
22 penses, income, and business of the prison.

1 SECT. 2. Said superintendent may employ, at
2 such salary as the Commissioners of Prisons shall
3 approve, but not exceeding one thousand dollars
4 per year, a steward, who shall, as the agent of the
5 superintendent, purchase for the prison such arti-
6 cles as he shall direct, and perform such other
7 duties as the superintendent shall require. The
8 appointment of said steward shall be subject to
9 the approval of the Commissioners of Prisons,
10 but he may be removed by the superintendent, at
11 any time, without their approval.

1 SECT. 3. When the superintendent is absent
2 from the prison, or unable to perform the duties
3 of his office, the deputy-superintendent shall have
4 the powers, perform the duties, and be subject to
5 the obligations and liabilities of the superin-
6 tendent.

1 SECT. 4. If the office of superintendent be-
2 comes vacant, the commissioners of prisons may
3 require the deputy-superintendent to give a
4 bond to the Commonwealth, in the sum of

5 ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties,
6 to be approved by them, conditioned for
7 the faithful performance of the duties in-
8 cumbent on her as deputy-superintendent
9 until a superintendent is appointed, and that
10 she will faithfully account for all money which
11 shall come into her hands as said officer; and
12 from the time said bond is approved, the deputy-
13 superintendent shall, so long as she performs the
14 duties of her office, receive the salary of the su-
15 perintendent, in lieu of her former salary. If the
16 deputy-superintendent does not give such bond
17 when required, the commissioners may remove her
18 from office, and appoint a superintendent pro tem-
19 pore, who shall give such bond, and shall have the
20 power and authority, perform the duties, and
21 receive the salary of the superintendent, until a
22 superintendent is duly appointed and enters upon
23 the discharge of the duties of the office.

1 SECT. 5. The office of treasurer and steward
2 of the reformatory prison for women is hereby
3 abolished.

1 SECT. 6. So much of chapter two hundred and
2 twenty-one of the Public Statutes as is inconsis-
3 ent herewith is hereby repealed.