

HOUSE....No. 226.

[Proposed as an amendment to Report of Committee on Prisons.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT

“For the better government and discipline of Correctional Institutions and Almshouses.”

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 inspectors of the state prison
2 shall have the same power and duties, in respect to the
3 care, government, discipline, contracts and oversight
4 of the state prison, and the several houses of correc-
5 tion, state almshouses, and the hospital at Rainsford
6 Island, that the inspectors of the state prison and of

7 the state almshouses and hospital, and the overseers
8 of the houses of correction, in the several counties,
9 and the board of directors of public institutions in
10 the county of Suffolk now have, or are empowered
11 by law to have over the said several institutions and
12 the inmates and government thereof respectively.

1 SECT. 2. There shall be appointed by the governor,
2 and with the advice and consent of the council, a
3 suitable person in each county to be warden of the
4 house of correction therein, who shall hold his office
5 during the pleasure of the executive.

1 SECT. 3. The wardens so appointed shall have
2 the same duties and powers as the masters of the
3 houses of correction now have in the several counties,
4 subject to the supervision of the board of inspectors.

1 SECT. 4. In any county where heretofore the
2 house of correction and jail have been united in one
3 building or establishment, the warden shall have the
4 same power and authority, and be subject to the same
5 duties and liabilities, as to all persons committed to
6 the house of correction and confined in such estab-
7 lishment, as the wardens of other houses of correc-
8 tion. But the warden shall do nothing to hinder the
9 safe keeping of the other prisoners confined in said
10 establishment.

1 SECT. 5. Each warden shall give bond to the Com-
2 monwealth in such sum as the council shall deter-
3 mine, with sufficient sureties conditioned for the faith-
4 ful performance of his duties and the safe keeping of
5 all prisoners under his charge, and the proper care

6 and expenditure of all public property or provisions
7 committed to him.

1 SECT. 6. The wardens shall have the same salaries,
2 to be determined and fixed in the same manner as is
3 now provided by law for the masters of houses of
4 correction.

1 SECT. 7. The inspectors of prisons shall receive
2 each an annual salary of one thousand dollars,
3 together with the expenses actually incurred by him,
4 at a rate not exceeding three cents a mile for each mile
5 actually travelled by him in the discharge of his
6 duties, to be paid from the treasury of the Common-
7 wealth, upon his certificate of the items of such
8 expense each day under his oath, and approved by
9 the governor and council.

1 SECT. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 9. This act shall take effect on the first day
2 of June next, but officers may be appointed according
3 to the provisions thereof from and after its passage.

