

Sec 1st Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois Represented in the General Assembly — That the Inspectors of the Penitentiary are hereby authorized and directed to remove and relocate the present Penitentiary of the State in the manner hereafter provided to some eligible situation within ~~two~~ ^{one} miles of its present location, and out of the incorporated limits of the Town of Alton

Sec 2 When the said location shall be made the said Inspectors shall report the same to the Governor who shall thereupon appoint three persons to examine the said location and report and should said report be in favor of said location the same shall be surveyed and a plot thereof returned to and filed in the office of the Secretary of State

Sec 3 The said Inspectors, shall, as soon as they shall have chosen a site for said Penitentiary contract with some suitable person or persons to procure a proper deed to this State with general warranty to be examined and approved by the Attorney General. A quantity of land not less than ten acres in the form of a square or parallelogram and for erecting thereon a Penitentiary on the plan at present adopted or on the plan of the Pennsylvania Penitentiary at Philadelphia or any other improved plan the said inspectors shall choose to adopt. If the present plan shall be adopted then the same shall be constructed of one third larger dimensions and contain an increased number of cells in proportion. If a different plan is adopted, then the work performed shall amount in value to one third more than the present establishment

Sec 4 The said inspectors are hereby authorized and directed to Contract for the ground and building as aforesaid on the following terms and conditions namely until a sufficient number of Cells of the new Penitentiary shall be completed, the present one shall be used for the Confinement of Convicts therein under the direction and Control of the Warden thereof and as the new work progresses, the materials of the old may be used as the Warden may authorize and direct in the new Construction which shall be composed of a wall, enclosing four acres of Land of the same height strength and dimensions as the present with suitable gates and openings; a Warden's house equal to the present O. C., and Convenient and suitable work shops equal in value to those now erected and at such points within the wall as the said inspectors may direct. The Cells intended for Solitary Confinement to be lined with strong oak plank properly secured, for the purpose of preserving the health of those who may be confined therein.

Sec 5 When the new Penitentiary shall be placed in a Condition to receive convicts and as Capable of accommodating them as the present one, which fact shall be certified to the Governor by the inspectors of the same it shall be the duty of the Governor, as a full Consideration to such Contractor or Contractors, to Convey by Deed of release and quit Claim to such person or persons who shall have Contracted to erect said Penitentiary the ground remaining unsold which has been granted to the State for Penitentiary purposes on which the Penitentiary now stands, taking from said person or persons a bond with sufficient security in a penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars that the work shall be entirely completed according to Contract in five years thereafter.

Sec 6 That when the new Penitentiary is placed in a condition to receive convicts, and as Capable of accommodating them as the present one, and such fact is Certified to the Warden of the Penitentiary, by the inspectors thereof, then it shall be the duty of said Warden, to remove to said new Penitentiary all convicts; and the said new Penitentiary shall thenceforth be the penitentiary of this State

~~Sec 7 All Laws and parts of Laws coming within the purview of this act are hereby repealed.~~

Section 7. That it shall be the duty of the Penitentiary Inspectors, to pay into the State Treasury, all monies in their hands belonging to the Penitentiary Fund, also all monies hereafter to become due from the sale of the three acres of land heretofore devoted for Penitentiary purposes, so soon as the same shall become due, and collected by the said Inspectors; and when the said monies are collected and paid into the said Treasury, it shall be the duty of said Inspectors to make out and file in the office of Secretary of State an account Current of all monies, received by them, and all monies paid out, & from paid, and for what purpose, and the said account Current shall be audited by the said Inspectors, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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the Penitentiary

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by Carter