

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 139.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment of Steno-
graphers as Commissioners to take Depositions and
Disclosures of Trustees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Governor, with the advice and
2 consent of the Council, may, upon the written
3 recommendation of any judge of the supreme
4 judicial court, appoint competent stenographers
5 of either sex, as commissioners to take depositions
6 in all cases and disclosures of trustees.

SECT. 2. Such commissioners shall qualify by
2 taking the usual oath of office. They may act
3 throughout the State, and shall hold office for four

4 years, and shall pay the same fees for their commission as are now paid by justices of the peace.

SECT. 3. They shall have and exercise the same powers in taking depositions and disclosures of trustees as are now exercised and possessed by justices of the peace.

SECT. 4. Depositions and disclosures of trustees may be taken by them stenographically by the consent of the parties to the suit or proceeding, and their notes shall be transcribed in full by questions and answers and read to the deponent or trustee and signed by him. If the deponent or trustee, in writing, waives such reading, the transcript shall be admissible as his deposition or disclosure, without his signature. No change of, or addition to, the transcript shall be made by the deponent or trustee, except in the presence of the counsel who attested the taking of the deposition. The commissioner shall state the facts in his certificate, as to reading, signature or waiver, and what, if any, changes or additions were made.

SECT. 5. They shall receive the same fees for travel, swearing witnesses, notifying parties and deponents, as are now received by justices of the peace, and in addition thereto, twenty cents a page for their transcripts.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 20, 1885. }

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*