

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 243

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred thirty-four of the
Revised Statutes, relating to recognizances in criminal cases.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred thirty-four of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 sections:

'Sect. 28. When a person arrested on a criminal process
5 has been ordered to recognize with sureties for his appear-
6 ance before any court, he may, instead of giving sureties,
7 at any time give his personal recognizance and deposit in
8 money the amount of the bail which he is ordered to furnish,
9 with the clerk of such court; in case there is no clerk, with
10 the justice of such court, and such justice or clerk shall give

11 him a certificate thereof, and upon delivering such certificate
12 to the officer having him in custody, he shall be discharged
13 from said custody.'

'Sect. 29. If money has been deposited as aforesaid, the
15 respondent at any time before default, may surrender him-
16 self in the same manner that sureties in criminal cases may
17 surrender their principal, and thereupon the money so depos-
18 ited shall be returned to the respondent or his order.'

'Sect. 30. In case of the default of ~~the~~ defendant, said
20 court may at any time thereafter order the money deposited
21 as aforesaid to be forfeited, and the said justice or clerk
22 with whom said deposit is made shall thereupon immediately
23 pay over the said money to the county treasurer.'

'Sect. 31. At any time after a default, and before the
25 money has been declared forfeited in accordance with sec-
26 tion thirty, the defendant may surrender himself in the man-
27 ner provided in section twenty-nine, and after deducting any
28 amount which the state has disbursed for the apprehension
29 of the said respondent, the court may order the whole or
30 any part of the remainder of the said money to be returned
31 to the defendant as justice may require.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 21, 1907.

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON from Committee on Judiciary and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*