

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 224

In Senate, Feb. 22, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Butler of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT for the enforcement of liens on watches, clocks and jewelry for labor and materials furnished in making and repairing same.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Every individual, partnership or corporation
2 engaged in making, altering or repairing any watch, clock
3 or jewelry or expending any labor or materials thereon by
4 direction or consent of the owner thereof, shall have a lien
5 upon such watch, clock or jewelry for his reasonable com-
6 pensation for said labor and materials, which shall take pre-

7 cedence of all other claims and incumbrances, and such
8 watch, clock or jewelry shall be exempt from attachment or
9 execution until such lien and the cost of satisfying it are sat-
10 isfied.

Sect. 2. The lien holder shall retain such watch, clock or
2 jewelry for a period of one year, at the expiration of which
3 time, if such lien is not satisfied he may sell such watch,
4 clock or jewelry at public auction, after giving thirty days'
5 notice in writing to the owner, of the time and place of such
6 sale, specifying the amount which will then be due, exclusive
7 of costs and expenses, and describing the property to be sold
8 and the grounds of the lien. Such notice may be given by
9 publishing same in a newspaper published and circulated in
10 the county where the property is held, and also by mailing a
11 copy of such notice addressed to the owner's place of resi-
12 dence if known, or if the owner's place of residence is un-
13 known, a copy of said notice may be posted in two public
14 places in the town, village or city where the property is
15 held.

Sect. 3. After satisfying the lien and any costs and ex-
2 penses that may have accrued, any residue remaining from
3 said sale shall on demand within six months, be paid to the
4 owner, and if not so demanded within six months from such
5 sale, such residue shall be deposited by such lien holder, with
6 the treasurer of the county in which said property was held,
7 together with a statement of said lien holder's claim and the
8 cost of enforcing the same, a copy of the published notice,

9 and of the amount received for the property sold at said
10 sale; said residue shall by said county treasurer be credited
11 to the general revenue fund of said county, subject to the
12 right of said owner, or his representatives, to reclaim at any
13 time within three years of the date of deposit with said
14 treasurer.