

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 24

In Senate, Jan. 21, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dearth of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-four
of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Examination of
Applicants for Admission to the Bar.

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

That section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-four of the
2 revised statutes be and hereby is amended by inserting after
3 the word "examination" in the sixth line of said section, the
4 following:

'Except any applicant who has served the United States in
2 the army or navy as an enlisted or drafted man, in the war
3 with Germany and Austria, who has received an honorable
4 discharge and who at the time of his enlistment, or when

5 he was drafted, was engaged in the study of law, shall be
6 required to have pursued the study of law in the office of
7 some attorney or in some well recognized law school or
8 university for at least two years prior to such examination.’
9 So that said section as amended shall read as follows :

‘The residences and names of the applicants shall be made
2 to appear to said board and satisfactory evidence shall also
3 be produced by said applicants of their good moral char-
4 acter and of their having pursued the study of law in the
5 office of some attorney or in some recognized law school or
6 university for at least three years prior to such examina-
7 tion ; except any applicant, who has served the United
8 States in the army or navy as an enlisted or drafted man, in
9 the war with Germany and Austria, and who has received an
10 honorable discharge, and who at the time of his enlistment,
11 or when he was drafted, was engaged in the study of law,
12 shall be required to have pursued the study of law in the
13 office of some attorney or in some well recognized law
14 school or university for at least two years prior to such
15 examination ; and a fee to be fixed by said board of not
16 more than twenty dollars shall accompany the application.
17 The applicant shall be required to submit to a written
18 examination which shall be prepared by said board, also to
19 an oral examination by the board, if deemed necessary, and
20 shall be required to answer correctly a minimum of seventy
21 per cent of the questions given him to entitle him to the
22 certificate of the board. The board shall, however, have

23 power to establish such higher grades of standing as to
24 them may seem proper.'