

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 771**

**H. D. No. 440**

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House of Representatives, March 20, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Atwood of Portland from Committee on  
Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Nichols of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT in Relation to the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Court  
of the City of Portland.

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

Section two of chapter two hundred four of the Public  
2 Laws of eighteen hundred fifty-six as amended by section  
3 one of chapter twenty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen  
4 hundred eighty-seven and section one of chapter one hun-  
5 dred thirty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred  
6 ninety-five and Chapter Two Hundred fifty-four of the  
7 Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Fifteen is hereby amend-  
8 ed by striking out said section two and inserting the fol-  
9 lowing:

‘Sect. 2. Said Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all  
2 civil actions in which the debt or damages demanded do not  
3 exceed twenty dollars, and both parties, or the defendant,  
4 or a person summoned in good faith as trustee, reside in the  
5 City of Portland, and of cases of forcible entry and de-  
6 tainer, where the property demanded is in said city; and of  
7 all criminal offenses, and misdemeanors committed in said  
8 city as are cognizable by municipal or police courts or trial  
9 justices, or are within the additional jurisdiction and au-  
10 thority conferred upon this court. In actions against two  
11 or more defendants or trustees, residing in different coun-  
12 ties, where one defendant or trustee resides in this county  
13 concurrent jurisdiction with other trial justices or municipal  
14 or police courts in the county where either of the defend-  
15 ants reside, as is provided in section sixteen of chapter  
16 eighty-six and section five of chapter ninety-one of the  
17 Revised Statutes of this State, and concurrent with other  
18 trial justices or municipal or police courts in the county of  
19 Cumberland, over all matters and things, civil and criminal,  
20 within their jurisdiction, where exclusive jurisdiction is not  
21 otherwise conferred by law; and concurrent jurisdiction  
22 with the Superior court in the County of Cumberland, in  
23 all personal actions including actions of replevin when a  
24 defendant or person summoned in good faith as trustee  
25 resides in the county of Cumberland, where the debt, dam-  
26 ages or goods demanded, exclusive of costs, exceed twenty  
27 dollars and do not exceed three hundred dollars. This

28 jurisdiction shall not include actions in which the title to  
29 real estate according to pleadings filed by either party, is in  
30 question, excepting as is provided in chapter ninety-nine of  
31 the Revised Statutes, sections six and seven, and excepting  
32 as is provided in chapter eighty-eight of the Revised Stat-  
33 utes, section three. All provisions of the statutes of this  
34 State relative to the attachment of real estate and personal  
35 property and the levying of executions, shall be applicable  
36 to actions in this court, and executions on judgments rend-  
37 ered therein. Said court is hereby authorized to administer  
38 oaths, render judgments, issue executions, certify copies of  
39 its records, punish for contempt and compel attendance as  
40 in the Superior Court of this county.'