

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1929.

Reported by Mr. McCart from Committee on Judiciary and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McCart of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of
the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and
Three, as Amended by Chapter Eighty-eight of the Private
and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Eleven, Relat-
ing to the Jurisdiction of the Eastport Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and nine-
2 teen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and
3 three is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said
4 section and inserting in the place thereof the following:

'Sect. 3. Said court shall have exclusive original jurisdic-
2 tion of all civil actions in which the debt or damage demand-

3 ed do not exceed twenty dollars, and both parties, or one of
4 the parties or a person summoned in good faith and on
5 probable grounds as trustee, reside in said city of Eastport;
6 and shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all offenses
7 committed against the ordinances and by-laws of said city,
8 and all such criminal offenses and misdemeanors committed
9 therein as are cognizable by trial justices; provided, that
10 warrants may be issued on complaints for offenses com-
11 mitted in said city of Eastport, by any trial justice in said
12 county, but all such warrants shall be made returnable be-
13 fore said court and no trial justice shall take cognizance
14 of any crime or offense committed in said city, or any civil
15 action of which said court has exclusive jurisdiction. Said
16 court shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with trial
17 justices of all such matters and things, civil and criminal,
18 within the city of Eastport and the towns of Perry, Pem-
19 broke and Dennysville and Edmunds as are by law within
20 the jurisdiction of trial justices in said county.'

Sect. 2. Section four of chapter two hundred and nine-
2 teen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and
3 three is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said
4 section and inserting in the place thereof the following:

'Sect. 4. Said court shall have original jurisdiction, con-
2 current with the supreme judicial court, of all civil actions
3 in which the debt or damage demanded, exclusive of costs,
4 do not exceed one hundred dollars, in which either party,
5 or a person summoned in good faith and on probable

6 grounds as trustee, reside in said city of Eastport, or in the
7 towns of Perry, Pembroke, Dennysville or Edmunds, or
8 having his residence beyond the limits of this state, is served
9 with process within said county. Said court shall have
10 original jurisdiction, concurrent with the supreme judicial
11 court in said county, of all larcenies described in sections
12 one, six, eight, nine and ten of chapter one hundred and
13 twenty-two of the revised statutes, when the value of the
14 property is not alleged to exceed thirty dollars; of all the
15 cases of cheating by false pretenses, described in section
16 one of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the revised
17 statutes, when the value of the property or other thing
18 alleged to have been fraudulently obtained or sold does not
19 exceed thirty dollars; of the assaults and batteries described
20 in section twenty-six of chapter one hundred and twenty of
21 the revised statutes and of the offense described in section
22 seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised
23 statutes, and may punish for either of said offenses by fine
24 not exceeding fifty dollars, and by imprisonment not ex-
25 ceeding three months; and of all other crimes, offenses and
26 misdemeanors committed in said county which are by law
27 punishable by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and by im-
28 prisonment not exceeding three months; provided, that said
29 court shall not try civil actions in which the title to real
30 estate according to pleadings filed in the case of either party,
31 is in question, except as provided in chapter ninety-nine,
32 sections six and seven, of the revised statutes.'