

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 82.**

CHAP. 82.

An act relating to the punishment for assault and battery.

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

The punishment for assault and battery shall be imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Penalty for assault and battery.

Approved February 29, 1872.

**Chapter 83.**

An act relative to granting new trials.

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

Any justice of the supreme judicial court may set aside a verdict and grant a new trial in a case tried before him when in his opinion the evidence in the case demands it. Such verdict must be set aside at the same term at which it was rendered, but it shall not be set aside by a single justice where there have been two verdicts rendered against the applicant.

Granting of new trials.

Approved February 29, 1872.

**Chapter 84.**

An act concerning railroad corporations.

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

Any railroad corporation may establish for its sole benefit fares, tolls and charges, upon all passengers and property, conveyed and transported on its railroad, at such rates as may be determined by the directors thereof, and may from time to time by its directors regulate the use of its road; *provided*, that such rates of fares, tolls and charges, and regulations shall at all times be subject to revision and alteration by the legislature, or such officers or persons as the legislature may appoint for the purpose, anything in the charter of any such railroad corporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Railroad corporations authorized to establish fares and tolls, subject to revision and alteration by the legislature.

Approved February 29, 1872.