

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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## CHAP. 244

**Chapter 244.**

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Kennebec County.

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

Jurisdiction of superior court, Kennebec county, in cases of divorce, not restricted.

Nothing contained in an act entitled "An Act to amend chapter sixty of the revised statutes, relating to divorce," approved March thirteen, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, shall be construed to affect the jurisdiction of the superior court of Kennebec county, but said court shall continue to exercise jurisdiction under said act as heretofore.

Approved March 15, 1883.

**Chapter 245.**

An Act to amend sections seven and twenty-seven of chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, and to repeal chapter fifty-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, relating to damages for locating, altering and discontinuing ways.

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

Sec. 7, ch. 18, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section seven of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes is amended by substituting for the first sentence of said section all of the first four lines of section thirty-one of said chapter, except the last two words of the fourth line, "but the," after the semi-colon ; also by adding to said section seven the remainder of the first sentence of said last named chapter, so that said section seven of chapter eighteen shall read as follows ;

Damages, how estimated; to whom awarded.

'SECT. 7. If any person's property is damaged by laying out, altering or discontinuing a highway or town way, the commissioners or municipal officers of towns shall estimate the amount, and in their return state the share of each separately ; the damages are to be allowed to the owners of reversions, and remainders, and to tenants for life, and for years, in proportions to their interests in the estate taken ; but the commissioners or officers shall not order such damages to be paid, nor shall any right thereto accrue to the claimant, until the land over which the highway or alteration is located, has been entered upon and possession taken, for the purpose of construction or use.'