

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 255.

An Act additional to chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Trials before Magistrates.

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

Respondent may appeal without trial.

In all hearings before municipal or police courts or trial justices, the respondent may plead not guilty and waive a hearing, whereupon the same proceeding shall be had as to sentence and appeal as if there had been a full hearing.

Approved January 31, 1885.

Chapter 256.

An Act to amend sections one and two of chapter one hundred and twenty-two, Revised Statutes, relative to the Penalty for the Crime of Perjury.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 122, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the last clause thereof, the words "less than two, nor" so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Definition and punishment of perjury and subornation of perjury.

'SECT. 1. Whoever, when required to tell the truth on oath or affirmation lawfully administered, wilfully and corruptly swears or affirms falsely to a material matter, in a proceeding before any court, tribunal, or officer created by law, or in relation to which an oath or affirmation is authorized by law, is guilty of perjury; and whoever procures another to commit perjury is guilty of subornation of perjury; and shall be punished in either case, if the perjury was committed in a trial of a capital crime, by imprisonment for life or for any term of years not less than ten, and if committed in any other case, by imprisonment for not more than ten years.'

Sec. 2 amended.

SECT. 2. Section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out therefrom the words, "less than one, nor" so that the same shall read as follows :

'SECT. 2. Whoever wilfully and corruptly endeavors to incite or procure another to commit perjury, although it is not committed, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years.'

Approved February 2, 1885.