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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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and shall be issued in such amounts, not to exceed said sum of fifty thousand dollars in the whole, as may from time to time be voted by a majority of the directors of said corporation.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 21, 1885.

### Chapter 428.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty, Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, establishing the police court of the city of Belfast.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 180,  
private laws of  
1879, amended.

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and eighty of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy nine is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows :

Police court for  
city of Belfast,  
established.

'SECT. 1. A police court shall be and hereby is established in and for the city of Belfast, in the county of Waldo, to be denominated the police court of the city of Belfast, which shall be a court of record, and have a seal, and consist of one judge, who shall reside in said Belfast, and be appointed and commissioned in the manner provided in the constitution, who shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction in all civil actions wherein the debt or damages do not exceed twenty dollars, except cases in which he is interested, in which both parties interested, or in which the party plaintiff, and the person or persons summoned as trustees shall be inhabitants of said Belfast, including prosecutions for penalties in which said city is interested, and actions of forcible entry and detainer, and all violations of the by-laws of said city, and concurrent jurisdiction with trial justices within said county, in all other civil matters which are by law within the jurisdiction of trial justices in said county, and exclusive jurisdiction over all criminal offenses within said city, and concurrent jurisdiction with trial justices within said county for all other criminal matters which are by law within the jurisdiction of trial justices in said county and original concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court in all personal actions in which the debt or damages do not exceed fifty dollars, and

Seal.

Judge.

Jurisdiction,  
original and ex-  
clusive.

Concurrent  
jurisdiction.

Exclusive  
jurisdiction.

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are over twenty dollars, and the defendant or defendants are residents in said county of Waldo, but this jurisdiction shall not include proceedings under the divorce laws, complaints under the mill act, or proceedings under the divorce act, and any person aggrieved by any judgment rendered by said judge, may appeal therefrom to the supreme judicial court for said county, in like manner as from judgment of trial justices.'

Not to include divorce, mill, and bastardy proceedings.

SECT. 2. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows :

Sec. 4, amended.

'SECT. 4. In case said judge shall be unable, by reason of sickness, absence from said city, or other disability, to attend at the time and place provided in the preceding section for transaction of civil business, said court shall stand adjourned until the next term, and so from term to term, without costs to either party, until the said judge is able to attend, and during the continuance of any such absence or disability of said judge, trial justices in said county shall have authority to exercise in all criminal matters the powers conferred by this act upon said judge.'

Inability of judge to attend, court to be adjourned without cost.

SECT. 3. Section five of said chapter is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words : '*Provided, however,* that the city council of said city of Belfast may, by an ordinance, establish a salary for said judge not exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than six hundred dollars per annum, to be paid by said city in quarter-yearly payments, in which case said judge shall account for and pay into the treasury of said city, all fees received by him in all criminal matters, except for copies.'

Sec. 5, amended.

Salary of judge.

SECT. 4. Said chapter is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following sections :

'SECT. 11. Trial justices are hereby restricted from exercising any jurisdiction, within said city of Belfast, over any criminal matter, except as provided in this act.'

Jurisdiction of trial justices in criminal matters, restricted.

'SECT. 12. When the office of judge of said court shall be vacant by death, resignation, or removal of the residence of said judge from said city, trial justices of said county of Waldo may perform within said city all acts and duties appertaining to the office of trial justice ; and all proceedings commenced during such vacancy shall be finally determined by the trial justice, before whom the same were commenced,

In case of vacancy, trial justices may perform duties of judge.

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or by some other trial justice within said county; and in case of such vacancy, all proceedings pending in said court shall stand continued to the term of said court next holden after such vacancy is filled.'

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

Approved February 21, 1885.

### Chapter 429.

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

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

Sec. 1, ch. 237, private laws of 1860, amended.

Section one of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven, of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Corporators.

'SECT. 1. Sumner Burnham, George Pierce, Silas Blake, Philander Tolman, Charles Thomes, Samuel Thomes, Benjamin F. Pierce, Amos P. Foster, Jonathan Whitney, Solomon L. Andrews, John E. Dannels, John Dawes, Joshua Howard, Henry Roby, Stephen Blake, Edward K. Whitney, Albion K. Morse, Cyrus Haskell, Thomas R. Sampson, and all others who may hereafter become members of said company, in manner herein prescribed, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, by the name of the Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the purpose of insuring, in the town of Harrison only, *provided, however,* if the company

Corporate name.

May, by vote, insure property in town of Otisfield.

so vote, they shall have the right to insure, in the manner hereafter described, in the town of Otisfield also, their respective dwelling houses, stores, shops, barns and other buildings, household furniture, merchandise and other property, against loss or damage by fire, whether the same happen by accident, lightning, or by any other means, excepting that of design in the insured; and may purchase and hold such real and personal estate as may be necessary to effect the object of this association, and may sell and convey the same at pleasure.'

May hold real and personal estate.

Approved February 21, 1885.