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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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Chapter 66

AN ACT Relating to Motions to Set Aside a Verdict Heard by the Presiding Justice.

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

R. S., c. 96, § 60, amended. Section 60 of chapter 96 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 60. Verdict may be set aside by presiding justice. Any justice of the superior court may set aside a verdict and grant a new trial in a civil case tried before him, when in his opinion the evidence demands it. But such verdict shall not be set aside by a single justice when 2 verdicts have been rendered against the applicant.

A motion to so set aside a verdict must be filed at the same term at which such verdict is rendered and shall be heard by the presiding justice either in term time or in vacation at his discretion; if such motion is heard in term time the presiding justice may render his decision in vacation or at a later term.

If such decision is unfavorable to the moving party, no judgment shall be entered in the action until the expiration of 10 days thereafter, during which period such moving party may file another motion to have the verdict set aside as against law or evidence as provided in section 59, without prejudice by reason of the denial of the previous motion by the presiding justice, and all proceedings thereon shall be in accordance with the provisions of said section 59.'

Approved March 15, 1939.

Chapter 67

AN ACT Relating to the Practice of Law.

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

R. S., c. 93, § 31, amended. Section 31 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 176 of the public laws of 1931, and by chapter 142 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, shall have the power to issue a rule requiring any person alleged to