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Chapter 122.

Forcible Entry and Detainer. Tenancies.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction.—Trial justices, judges and recorders of municipal courts have jurisdiction of cases of forcible entry and detainer respecting estates within their counties. Such justices, judges and recorders have exclusive jurisdiction of such cases within their cities or towns unless interested and except in such cases in which such justices, judges or recorders are the plaintiffs; provided, however, that judges and recorders of municipal courts shall also have jurisdiction of such cases in all towns in which they are authorized to hold court, notwithstanding the fact that their residence may be in some other town. Such cases in which such justices, judges or recorders are the plaintiffs may be made returnable before any other municipal court within their county. (R. S. c. 109, § 3. 1955, c. 301.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment made this section applicable to recorders. It also inserted the words "and except in such cases in which such jus-

tics, judges or recorders are the plaintiffs" in the second sentence, and added the third sentence.

Chapter 126.

Habeas Corpus. Bail Commissioners.

Sec. 35. Commissioners admit to bail persons committed for not finding sureties.—When a person is confined in a jail for a bailable offense or for not finding sureties on a recognizance, except when a verdict of guilty has been rendered against him for an offense punishable in the state prison and except when such person is committed pending decision on report or exceptions as provided in section 29 of chapter 148, any such commissioner, on application, may inquire into the case and admit him to bail and exercise the same power as any justice of the supreme judicial court or superior court can; and may issue a writ of habeas corpus and cause such person to be brought before him for this purpose, and may take such recognizance; provided, however, that during a term of the superior court, a bail commissioner is not authorized to admit to bail any person confined in jail or held under arrest by virtue of a precept returnable to said term; and when a person is confined in jail for a bailable offense or for not finding sureties on a recognizance and the amount of his bail has been fixed by a justice of the supreme judicial court or of the superior court or by a judge or recorder of a municipal court, a bail commissioner is not authorized to change the amount of such bail. Such bail commissioner shall receive not exceeding the sum of \$5 in each case in which bail is so taken, the same to be paid by the person so admitted to bail; but the person admitted to bail shall not be required to pay any other fees or charges to any officer for services connected with the giving of such bail; provided, however, that if a bail commissioner takes bail after

8:00 P. M. and prior to 8:00 A. M. of the following day he shall be permitted to receive a charge of up to \$10 for the occasion of taking such bail, but said charge shall not be in addition to the charge in each case otherwise authorized in this section but shall be inclusive of such charge or charges.

(1955, c. 356.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the proviso at the end of the first paragraph. As the second paragraph was not changed, it is not set out.

Chapter 130.

Crimes against the Person.

Murder, Assault with Intent and Attempt to Murder.

Sec. 6. Assault with intent to murder or kill.

A reckless and wanton disregard of rights of others may, under some circumstances be an assault even where no particular person was singled out or aimed at. State v. Barnett, 150 Me. 473, 114 A. (2d) 245.

Intent to kill or do bodily harm may be inferred from circumstances where one acts in a reckless or wanton disregard of the safety of others. State v. Barnett, 150 Me. 473, 114 A. (2d) 245.

Assault, Assault and Battery.

Sec. 21. Assault, and assault and battery, definitions.

Cited in State v. Barnett, 150 Me. 473, 114 A. (2d) 245.

Conspiracies, Blacklisting, Threatening Communications and Malicious Vexations.

Sec. 25. Conspiracies in other cases.

Conspiracy to bribe public officer.—See State v. Papalos, 150 Me. 370, 113 A. (2d) 624.

Chapter 131.

Crimes against Habitations, Buildings and Property.

Trespass.

Sec. 37. Trespass upon lands appurtenant to certain State institutions.—Whoever willfully trespasses upon lands which belong to the state and are appurtenant to the Pownal state school, reformatory for women, reformatory for men, state school for girls, state school for boys or the Maine state prison, or whoever shall unlawfully interfere with the inmates of any of said institutions, or, after notice from an officer of any of said institutions to leave said lands, remains thereon, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months. (R. S. c. 118, § 38. 1955, c. 183.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment made this section applicable to the Maine state prison.

Sec. 39. Trespass on commercial or residential property.—Whoever willfully enters in and upon any land commercially used, including parking lots, or whoever willfully enters in and upon residential property or the improved lands appertaining to any farm, summer camp or cottage, or whoever parks any