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STATE OF MAINE,

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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 20.]

[SENATE.

AN ACT ADDITIONAL

TO CHAPTER 97 OF

THE REVISED STATUTES.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR.

AN ACT additional to chapter ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-

- 2 sentatives in Legislature assembled—as follows:
- 3 Section 1. The District Court heretofore estab-
- 4 lished is hereby continued, and the State is divided
- 5 into three districts, which shall be denominated the
- 6 western, the middle and the eastern districts.
 - Sect. 2. The western district shall be composed
- 2 of the counties of York, Cumberland, Oxford and
- 3 Franklin.
- Sect. 3. The middle district shall be composed
- 2 of the counties of Lincoln, Kennebec, Somerset and
- 3 Waldo.
 - Sect. 4. The eastern district shall be composed
- 2 of the counties of Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock,
- 3 Washington and Aroostook.
 - Sect. 5. There shall continue to be one justice of
- 2 the District Court in and for the said western district;
- 3 and one other justice of said court in and for the said

4 middle district; and one other justice of said court in

5 and for the said eastern district: and the justices of

6 said court now in office shall continue to hold their 7 said offices according to the tenor of their respective

8 commissions unless inconsistent with the constitution;

9 and when a vacancy shall occur in the office of either

10 of said justices, it shall be the duty of the governor,

11 with advice of the council, to appoint some person

12 learned in the law, to supply the said vacancy; who

13 shall be commissioned, qualified and sworn, in the

14 manner required by the constitution, to perform the

15 duties appertaining to said office, in the counties com-

16 posing their respective districts.

SECT. 6. Whenever the justice of either district

2 shall be interested or otherwise disqualified to preside

3 in the trial of any cause pending in any court held by

4 himself, the same shall be transferred to the Supreme

5 Judicial Court, next to be held in the county in which

6 the action is pending, if any term of the Supreme Ju-

7 dicial Court shall be held therein, by law; and if

8 not, then the cause shall be transferred to the court

9 in that county in the district having appellate jurisdic-

10 tion of the same cause.

Sect. 7. The District Court shall be held annu-

2 ally in the several counties in the State, at the places

3 and times hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

4 At Alfred, for the county of York on the second

5 Monday of February, the last Monday of May, and

6 the third Monday of October.

- 7 At Portland for the county of Cumberland on the
- 8 first Tuesday of March, the third Tuesday of June,
- 9 and the first Tuesday of October.
- 10 For the county of Lincoln on the fourth Tuesday of
- 11 April, on the fourth Tuesday of August and on the
- 12 fourth Tuesday of December at Wiscasset.
- 13 At Augusta for the county of Kennebec on the first
- 14 Tuesday of April, August and December.
- 15 At Norridgewock for the county of Somerset on the
- 16 second Tuesday of March, the last Tuesday of June
- 17 and the first Tuesday of November.
- 18 At Ellsworth for the county of Hancock on the
- 19 fourth Tuesday of April and first Tuesday of No-
- 20 vember.
- 21 At Machias for the county of Washington on the
- 22 last Tuesday of February and the third Tuesday in
- 23 September.
- 24 At Paris for the county of Oxford on the second
- 25 Tuesday of June and first Tuesday of November.
- 26 At Bangor for the county of Penobscot on the first
- 27 Tuesday of January, the first Tuesday in October
- 28 and the fourth Tuesday in May.
- 29 At Belfast in the county of Waldo on the fourth
- 30 Tuesdays of March and September.
- 31 At Farmington in the county of Franklin on the last
- 32 Mondays of March and September.
- 33 At Dover for the county of Piscataquis on the fourth
- 34 Tuesday of March and second Tuesday of August.
- 35 At Houlton for the county of Aroostook on the

- 36 fourth Tuesday of July and the first Tuesday of Tuesday of
 - SECT. S. All acts and parts of acts contrary to the 2 provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, February 3, 1844.

ORDERED: That 300 copies of the foregoing Bill, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.