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OF THE

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No. 14.]

[SENATE.]

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to abolish the District Court and additional to
the ninety sixth chapter Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represent-
2 atives in Legislature assembled—as follows :*

3 SECTION 1. The district court for this State is
4 hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. All matters and things which may be pend-
2 ing in or returnable to said court, shall be returned
3 to, have day in, and be acted upon and heard and
4 determined in the supreme judicial court.

SEC. 3. The supreme judicial court shall consist of
2 a chief justice and five associate justices; each of
3 whom shall be an inhabitant of this State, of sobriety
4 of manners, and learned in the law, appointed and
5 commissioned as prescribed in the constitution.

SEC. 4. The said court shall have original and ex-
2 clusive jurisdiction of all civil actions, and of all

3 offences, crimes and misdemeanors, which are now
4 cognizable by the supreme judicial court, or district
5 court. And shall have and exercise all the power and
6 authority now by law vested in either of said courts.

SEC. 5. The supreme judicial courts shall be annu-
2 ally holden by any three of the justices thereof in the
3 several places and on the several days as mentioned
4 in the thirty fifth section of the ninety sixth chapter of
5 the Revised Statutes for the purpose of determining
6 all questions of law and cases in equity, and all other
7 matters and things which are now required by law to
8 be done by a majority of the justices.

SEC. 6. The said court shall annually be holden,
2 pursuant to the provisions of the thirteenth section of
3 the ninety-sixth chapter of Revised Statutes to which
4 this is additional, at the several times and places as
5 follows:

6 In and for the county of York, at Alfred, on the last
7 Monday of May and second Mondays of February
8 and September;

9 In and for the county of Cumberland, at Portland,
10 on the second Tuesday of July and the first Tues-
11 days of March and October;

12 In and for the county of Oxford, at Paris, on the
13 second Tuesdays of June and November;

14 In and for the county of Franklin, at Farmington,
15 on the fourth Tuesdays of June and November;

16 In and for the county of Lincoln, at Wiscasset, on
17 the fourth Tuesdays of April, August and December;

- 18 In and for the county of Kennebec, at Augusta, on
19 the first Tuesdays of April, August and December ;
20 In and for the county of Somerset, at Norridgewock,
21 on the third Tuesdays of January, March and July ;
22 In and for the county of Waldo, at Belfast, on the
23 second Tuesdays of February, June and October ;
24 In and for the county of Penobscot, at Bangor, on
25 the first Tuesdays of January and October and the
26 fourth Tuesday of May ;
27 In and for the county of Washington, at Machias,
28 on the last Tuesday of February, and the third Tues-
29 day of September ;
30 In and for the county of Hancock, at Ellsworth, on
31 the second Tuesday of April and fourth Tuesday of
32 October ;
33 In and for the county of Aroostook, at Houlton, on
34 the second Tuesday of February and first Tuesday of
35 September ;
36 In and for the county of Piscataquis, at Dover, on
37 the last Tuesday of March and second Tuesday of
38 November.

SEC. 7. The supreme judicial court shall have full
2 power to complete the records of the district court,
3 certify and attest the same, and issue and renew exe-
4 cutions thereon, as the said court now can.

SEC. 8. The salary of the judges of the supreme
2 judicial court shall be fifteen hundred dollars, instead
3 of the sum now by law allowed.

SEC. 9. The ninety seventh chapter of the Revised
2 Statutes, and an act additional thereto, and all parts
3 of the ninety sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes, to
4 which this is additional, inconsistent with the provis-
5 ions of this act, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1845.

ORDERED, That 350 copies be printed for the use of the
legislature.

JAMES O. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*