

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.]

[No. 30.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the revised statutes, for the collection and disposal of fines and costs in criminal cases.

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

SECTION 1. Every justice of the peace, or judge of
2 a municipal or police court, shall keep a docket, upon
3 which he shall enter the name of every person who is
4 brought before him upon any criminal process, and
5 the name of every party against whom he issues any
6 such process, to whom the process was committed for
7 service, the offense charged, whether the party was
8 arrested, what disposition was made of the case, the

9 amount of fines and costs imposed, to whom accruing,
10 to whom paid, and they shall render to the county
11 commissioners of their respective counties, at each
12 regular term of the court of said county commission-
13 ers, a true and attested copy of such docket, together
14 with a certificate that said docket and copy embraces
15 all the criminal business, and is a true statement of
16 all the cases brought before them in their official
17 capacity, and they shall not be allowed to receive any
18 portions of fees they may be entitled to receive from
19 the county, or state, until they shall have complied
20 with the provisions of this section, and paid all fines
21 received by them to the party entitled to receive them
22 by law.

SECT. 2. The county commissioners, immediately
2 upon the allowance by them of any bills of costs, shall
3 certify to the county treasurer the names of said jus-
4 tices and judges who have conformed to the provisions
5 of this section, and are entitled to receive any fees,
6 and the amount of fines received by them.

SECT. 3. Within twenty days after the adjournment
2 of a court at which a fine, forfeiture or bill of costs
3 accrued to the state, the clerk of the courts shall ren-
4 der to the county commissioners of their respective
5 counties, the same certificates they are now by section

6 six of chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes
7 required to transmit to the secretary of state.

SECT. 4. The county attorney of every county in
2 the state, shall annually in the month of November,
3 make such report to the county commissioners of their
4 respective counties, as he is obliged by law to make
5 to the attorney general according to section seventeen,
6 chapter seventy-nine, of the revised statutes.

SECT. 5. No criminal cause shall be continued, dis-
2 missed, or otherwise disposed of, other than by trial,
3 except upon special order of the court thereon, and
4 the court shall order to be entered upon the docket,
5 the conditions upon which such cause was disposed
6 of, whether upon payment of fines, forfeitures and
7 costs, or otherwise.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 6, 1858.

This bill having been twice read, was on motion of Mr. DEANE of Portland, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk pro tem.*