

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 278

S. P. 88

In Senate, January 22, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Beliveau of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT To Provide that Nine Jurors May Return a Verdict in Civil Suits.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 1354, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1354, to read as follows:

§ 1354. Verdict of 9 jurors

In the trial of all civil suits in the Superior Court of this State, 9 or more jurors may agree on the verdict and return it into court as the verdict of the jury. It shall be the duty of the trial judge to instruct the jury that if 9 or more jurors agree on the verdict they may return the same into open court as the verdict of the jury.