

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 6.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes relating to the support of debtors in jail.

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

SECTION. 1. Section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words : “ But in any case mentioned in this section the jailor shall not be obliged to receive such debtor into prison nor into his custody nor detain him in jail to notify next committing creditor unless payment for such debtor’s support for the space of eight days is first secured to him,” so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows : When a person is committed

11 to prison on mesne process or execution, or delivers
12 himself into the custody of the jailor to save the con-
13 dition of a bond given on execution, and makes a
14 written complaint by him signed and sworn to, stating
15 that he is unable to support himself in jail and has not
16 sufficient property to furnish security for his support,
17 the jailor may require of any one of the creditors, their
18 agent or attorney, security for his support ; and unless
19 it is satisfactorily furnished within eight days after the
20 request, or money is paid in advance therefor from
21 time to time, he may release him ; but when a debtor
22 is committed on more than one execution at the same
23 time, the jailor shall be entitled to pay for board only
24 on the first execution, to be paid for equally by all the
25 creditors on whose executions he is committed ; and
26 the first creditor may have an execution against the
27 other committing creditors for their proportion there-
28 of ; and if such debtor is discharged on the first the
29 jailor shall notify the next committing creditor of his
30 liability to pay for his support as on the first execu-
31 tion ; but in any case mentioned in this section the
32 jailor shall not be obliged to receive such debtor into
33 prison nor into his custody nor detain him in jail to notify
34 the next committing creditor unless payment for the

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35 debtor's support for the space of eight days is first se-
36 cured to him.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 25, 1869.

Read twice, and on motion of Mr. LUDDEN, laid on the table
and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*