

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 46.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to repeal all laws relating to the filing of specifications of defence.

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

SECTION 1. Section eighteen of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "statement" in the fourth line of said section, and by striking out the words "on leave" in the third line of said section, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:—The general issue may be pleaded in all cases and a brief statement of special matter of defence filed, or a special plea or double pleas in bar may be filed. The plaintiff must join a general issue and may file a counter brief statement.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 26, 1869.

Reported by Mr. LUDDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed under the Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*