

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 55.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish certain rules for the construction of statutes.

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

SECTION 1. In the construction of all statutes here-
2 after enacted, the following rules shall be observed,
3 unless such construction would be repugnant to the
4 express terms of the same statute, that is to say :

5 *First*—The repeal of an act or resolve shall not
6 revive any statute in force before the act or resolve
7 repealed took effect.

8 *Second*—The repeal of an act shall not affect any
9 punishment, penalty or forfeiture incurred before the
10 repeal takes effect, or any suit or prosecution or pro-

11 ceeding pending at the time of the repeal for an
12 offence committed or for the recovery of a penalty or
13 forfeiture incurred under the act repealed.

SECT. 2. Actions pending at the time of the passage
2 or repeal of an act shall not be affected thereby.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 17, 1870. }

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

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*