

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 40.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to judicial courts.

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

SECTION 1. During the progress of a jury trial the
2 presiding justice shall rule and charge the jury orally
3 or in writing upon all matters of law arising in such
4 cases, but shall not during the progress of the trial,
5 including the charge to the jury, express an opinion
6 upon issues of fact arising in the case ; and any such
7 expression of opinion shall be deemed sufficient cause
8 for a new trial, if either party aggrieved thereby and
9 interested shall desire it, and the same shall be ordered
10 accordingly by the law court upon exceptions.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 11, 1874. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. WIL-
SON of Bangor, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*