

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 62.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section sixty-six of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, relating to juries.

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

SECTION 1. That section sixty-six of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out the word "two" in the eighteenth line of said section, and inserting instead thereof the word "four," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

7 Sect. 66. When venires for jurors are returned to
8 court, the clerk shall prepare, at the commencement
9 of each term of the court, separate alphabetical lists
10 of the names of the several persons returned as

11 traverse jurors ; and the court, in impanelling the
12 traverse jurors, shall cause the names of the first two
13 persons who attend to be called, who shall be first
14 sworn, and then the others in succession, as they are
15 named on the list, and in such divisions as the court
16 directs, or all at the same time ; and the first twelve
17 shall compose the first jury ; and the next twelve, on
18 the same list, shall be impanelled and sworn in like
19 manner, and shall compose the second jury ; but before
20 proceeding to the trial of any civil or criminal case,
21 other than capital, the clerk may, under the direction
22 of the court, at the request of either party, place the
23 names of all jurors legally summoned and in attend-
24 ance, and not engaged in the trial of any other cause,
25 separately upon tickets in a box, and the names shall
26 be drawn from the box by the clerk, after having been
27 thoroughly mixed, one at a time, for the purpose of
28 constituting a jury ; and each party shall have a right
29 peremptorily to challenge four jurors ; but in such
30 case all peremptory or other challenges and objections
31 to a juror drawn, if then known, shall be made and
32 determined, and the juror sworn or set aside before
33 another name is drawn, and so on until the panel is
34 completed. A new jury shall be thus drawn for the
35 trial of each cause ; and after the panel is thus com-

36 pleted, the presiding justice shall appoint a foreman
37 for the trial of the case.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on approval by
2 the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 29, 1878. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*