

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 86.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section twelve of chapter one hundred
and twenty-two of the revised statutes, relating to cor-
rupt agreements by attorneys and others.

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

Section twelve, chapter one hundred twenty-two of
2 the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out
3 all after the word "law" in the ninth line, and insert-
4 ing instead thereof the following, "or brings, prose-
5 cutes or agrees to prosecute or defend any suit at law
6 or equity upon shares, he shall be punished by a fine
7 not exceeding one thousand dollars, nor less than
8 twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not more than one
9 year," so that said section as amended shall read as
10 follows :

11 *Sect. 12.* If any person loans, advances, or promises
12 to loan or advance any money, gives or promises to
13 give day of payment on any demand left with him for
14 collection, gives or promises any valuable considera-
15 tion, becomes liable in any manner for the payment of
16 anything, becomes surety for another for such payment,
17 or requests, advises, or procures another person to
18 become responsible or surety as aforesaid, with intent
19 thereby to procure any account, note or other demand
20 for the profit arising from its collection by a suit at
21 law, or brings, prosecutes or agrees to prosecute any
22 suit at law upon shares, he shall be punished by a fine
23 not exceeding one thousand dollars, nor less than twenty
24 dollars, or by imprisonment not more than one year.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 1, 1878. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. PIERCE
of Portland, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*