

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 65.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter ninety-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

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

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter ninety-three 2 of the private and special laws of eighteen hun-3 dred and seventy-eight, is hereby amended so that 4 the third specification in said section shall be as 5 follows :

6 Third. Original jurisdiction, concurrent with 7 the supreme judicial court, of all civil actions in 8 which the debt or damages do not exceed one hun-9 dred dollars, and any defendant resides within the 10 county of Franklin. *Provided*, that any action,

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11 civil or criminal, in which the judge is interested, 12 or related to either of the parties by consanguinity 13 or affinity, within the sixth degree according to 14 the rules of the civil law, or within the degree of 15 second cousin inclusive, but which would other-16 wise be within the exclusive jurisdiction of said 17 court, may be brought before and disposed of by 18 any trial justice within said county in the same 19 manner and with like effect as other actions before 20 said trial justices.

SECT. 2. Section twelve of said chapter ninety-2 three is hereby amended so that said section shall 3 be as follows :

4 Sect. 12. Trial justices are hereby restricted 5 from exercising any jurisdiction in the town of 6 Farmington over any matter or thing, civil or 7 criminal, except such as are within the jurisdiction 8 of justices of the peace and of the quorum; and 9 except cases in which the judge is interested or 10 related, as provided in section two, specification 11 three, or said chapter as amended; and except 12 that they may issue warrants, on complaints for 13 criminal offenses, to be returned before said 14 municipal court.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1879.

Reported by Mr. MORRISON of Franklin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and on his motion *Ordered*, That it lie on the table and be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, Secretary.