

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 125.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to regulate admission to the bar in this
state.

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

SECTION 1. No person, who has not been a mem-
ber of the bar of another state, in good standing,
and in active practice for at least three years, shall
be admitted to practice law in the courts of this
state unless he shall have studied for at least two
years in the office of some attorney at law, or part
of the time in such office and the remainder in some
law school, and shall also have passed a satisfactory
examination in his legal studies.

SECT. 2. All examinations shall be public, and in
the presence of some justice of the supreme judi-
cial court during term time. The time for holding

4 same in each county, not exceeding twice in each
5 year, shall be fixed by the chief justice. The ex-
6 amination shall be partly oral and partly written,
7 and shall be conducted by an examining committee
8 of the bar in each county, to be appointed by the
9 chief justice. No candidate shall be admitted whose
10 examination or character is not satisfactory to the
11 presiding justice, nor unless notice of the intended
12 application is given by the clerk of the court to
13 which application is to be made in some newspaper
14 for thirty days at least before such admission. All
15 candidates must present to the examining commit-
16 tee written recommendation from the members of
17 the bar with whom they have studied, and must
18 pay all fees now prescribed by law.

SECT. 3. Any person not having been admitted
2 to practice law in this state, or whose name shall
3 have been struck from the roll of attorneys, who
4 shall advertise as, or represent himself to be, an
5 attorney at law, shall, upon conviction thereof, be
6 punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dol-
7 lars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more
8 than three months; and no person whose name
9 shall have been struck from the roll of attorneys
10 for misconduct shall be allowed to plead or manage

11 causes in court under a power of attorney for any
12 other party.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. VERRILL, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*