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## Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 6.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section 27 Chapter 134 of Revised Statutes of 1883, relating to proceedings on motion for new trial in certain criminal cases.

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

Section 1. Section 27 chapter 134 of Revised

- 2 Statutes of 1883, is hereby amended by striking out
- 3 the words "a capital case," in the first line thereof,
- 4 and inserting the words "any case in which a per-
- 5 son has been convicted of murder or of any
- 6 offence for which the punishment may be imprison-
- 7 ment for life," so that said section as amended shall
- 8 read as follows, to wit:

'SECTION 27. If a motion for a new trial in any 10 case in which a person has been convicted of mur11 der or of any offence for which the punishment may 12 be imprisonment for life, is denied by the justice 13 before whom the same is heard, the respondent may 14 appeal from said decision to the next law term of 15 said district; and the concurrence of but three 16 justices shall be necessary to grant such motion.'

SECT. 2. The provisions of this act shall apply 2 to all pending cases in which an appeal has been or 3 may be taken in cases formerly capital.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 16, 1889.

Reported from Committee on Judiciary, by Mr. BARKER of Bangor Ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.