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## Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 71.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter sixty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the employment of Stenographers at hearings and examinations in courts of probate and courts of insolvency.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter sixty-four of the 2 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one is hereby 3 amended by adding at the end of said section, the following 4 words: 'But any person whose testimony or examination 5 has been so taken, may, with the consent of the judge, 6 waive, in writing, the signing of the transcript, and in

7 such case, the stenographer shall read his notes to such 8 person before the hearing or examination is closed, and if 9 they are found to be correct, or if alleged errors and mis-10 takes are either corrected, or proceedings are had in 11 relation to the same in like manner as provided in section 12 three, with reference to transcripts, the transcript of such 13 testimony or examination shall be deemed to be complete 14 and correct without signing and shall have the same effect, 15 as if signed,' so that the said section as amended shall read 16 as follows:

When a transcript has been made as pro-18 vided by section one of this act, it shall be read to the 19 person whose testimony or examination it is, at a time and 20 place to be appointed by the judge, unless such person or 21 his counsel, in writing, waives such reading, and if it is 22 found to be correct, or if it contains errors or mistakes, 23 or alleged errors or mistakes, and such errors or mistakes 24 are either corrected or the proceedings had in relation to 25 the same as hereinafter provided, such transcript shall be 26 signed by the person whose testimony or examination it is, 27 in all cases where the person testifying or submitting to 28 examination is required by law to sign his testimony or 29 examination. When the reading of a transcript is waived 30 as provided by this section, such transcript shall be 31 deemed correct. But any person whose testimony or exam-32 ination has been so taken, may, with the consent of the 33 judge, waive, in writing, the signing of the transcript, and

34 in such case, the stenographer shall read his notes to such 35 person before the hearing or examination is closed, and if 36 they are found to be correct, or if alleged errors or mis-37 takes are either corrected, or proceedings are had in rela-38 tion to the same, in like manner as provided in section 39 three with reference to transcripts, the transcript of such 40 testimony or examination shall be deemed to be complete 41 and correct without signing, and shall have the same 42 effect as if signed.'

SECT. 2. Whenever it becomes necessary, in any court 2 in the state, to prove the testimony or examination taken 3 as provided in this act, the certified copy of the notes of 4 such testimony or examination, taken by such stenographer, 5 is evidence to prove the same.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1895.

Reported by Mr. SAVAGE, from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.