

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 207.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections seven, nine and fourteen of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires.

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

Section 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred and six 2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding after 3 the word "constable" in the last line of said section, the 4 words 'of towns, and the constables, marshal or deputy mar-5 shal of cities;' so that section as amended shall read as 6 follows:

'Section 7. The grand and traverse jurors shall be drawn 8 from each jury district in such manner as to cause jurors, 9 at each term of court, to come from every part of the county

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10 as equally as may be, and so far as practical, from every town
11 in rotation, having regard to the number of its inhabitants,
12 taking not more than two grand jurors and two traverse
13 jurors from the same town at the same time, unless from
14 necessity, or some extraordinary cause, or to equalize the
15 service; and the clerk of courts shall issue venires to the
16 constables of towns, and the constables, marshal and deputy
17 marshal of cities accordingly.'

Sect. 2. Section nine of said chapter is hereby amended 2 by adding after the word "directed" in the second line 3 thereof the words 'and the constables, marshals or deputy 4 marshals of cities;' and after the word "constable" in the 5 same line, add the words 'and the marshals or deputy mar-6 shals of cities,' so that said section as amended shall read as 7 follows:

'Section 9. The sheriff on receiving such venires, shall 9 immediately send them to the constables of the towns where 10 directed, and to the constables, marshals or deputy marshals 11 of cities, and each constable, marshal or deputy marshal, on 12 receipt thereof, shall notify the voters of the town or city, 13 and especially the municipal officers and town or city clerk, 14 by posting notices in two public and conspicuous places 15 therein, at least four days before such meeting, to assemble 16 and be present at the draft of jurors called for, which shall 17 be six days at least before the time when they are ordered 18 to attend court.'

Sect. 3. Section fourteen of said chapter is hereby 2 amended by adding after the word "constable" in the first

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3 line thereof the words 'or the marshals or deputy marshals of4 cities', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 14. A constable of a town or the constables, mar-6 shal or deputy marshal of cities, shall notify the persons thus 7 drawn four days at least before the sitting of the court, by 8 reading the venire and the endorsement thereon to them, 9 or leaving at their usual place of abode a written notice that 10 they have been drawn, and of the time and place of the sit-11 ting of the court where they must attend; and shall make a 12 seasonable return of the venire with his doings thereon.'

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 3, 1897.

Reported by Mr. HAMILTON of Biddeford, from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.