

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 175.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An Act to revise and
amend the charter of the City of Calais."

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

Section 1. Section twenty-five of chapter three hundred
2 and twenty-five of the Private and Special Laws of
3 eighteen hundred and eighty-three is hereby amended by
4 inserting after the word "Washington" in the eighteenth
5 line thereof the words 'except the city of Eastport and
6 the towns of Lubec, Trescott, Cutler and Whiting and
7 also except all towns and plantations lying wholly or
8 partly west of the Machias River in said county,' so that
9 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 25. Said court shall have exclusive original
11 jurisdiction of all civil actions in which the debt or dam-

12 ages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars, and both
13 parties, or one of the parties and a person summoned in
14 good faith and on probable grounds as trustee,
15 reside in said city of Calais; and shall have exclusive
16 original jurisdiction of all offences committed against
17 the ordinances and by-laws of said city, and all such
18 criminal offences and misdemeanors committed therein
19 as are cognizable by trial justices; provided, that warrants
20 may be issued upon complaints for offences committed
21 in said city of Calais, by any trial justice in said county,
22 but all such warrants shall be made returnable before said
23 court, and no trial justice shall take cognizance of any
24 crime or offence committed in said city, or any civil action
25 of which said court has exclusive jurisdiction. Said court
26 shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with trial jus-
27 tices, of all such matters and things, civil and criminal,
28 within the county of Washington, except the city of
29 Eastport and the towns of Lubec, Trescott, Cutler and
30 Whiting, and also except all towns and plantations lying
31 wholly west of the Machias river in said county, as are by
32 law within the jurisdiction of trial justices in said county.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-six of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word "Washington" in the
3 sixth line thereof the words, 'except the city of Eastport
4 and the towns of Lubec, Trescott, Cutler and Whiting
5 and also except all towns and plantations lying wholly west
6 of the Machias river in said county,' so that said section
7 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 26. Said court shall have original jurisdiction,
9 concurrent with the supreme judicial court, of all civil
10 actions in which the debt or damages demanded, exclusive
11 of costs, do not exceed one hundred dollars, in which

12 either party, or a person summoned in good faith and on
13 probable grounds as trustee, resides, in the county of
14 Washington except the city of Eastport and the towns of
15 Lubec, Trescott, Cutler and Whiting and also except all
16 towns and plantations lying wholly west of the Machias
17 river in said county, or having his residence beyond the
18 limits of this State, is served with process within said
19 county. Said court shall have original jurisdiction, con-
20 current with the supreme judicial court in said county, of
21 all larcenies described in section one, six, seven, eight and
22 nine of chapter one hundred and twenty of the Revised
23 Statutes, when the value of the property is not alleged to
24 exceed thirty dollars ; of all the cases of cheating by false
25 pretences, described in section one of chapter one hundred
26 and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, when the value of
27 the property or other thing alleged to have been fraudu-
28 lently obtained or sold does not exceed thirty dollars ; of the
29 assaults and batteries described in section twenty-eight of
30 chapter one hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes,
31 and of the offence described in section six of chapter one
32 hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, and
33 may punish for either of said offenses by fine not exceed-
34 ing fifty dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding three
35 months ; and of all other crimes, offences and misdemean-
36 ors committed in said county which are by law punishable
37 by fine not exceeding fifty dollars and by imprisonment
38 not exceeding three months ; provided, that said court
39 shall not try civil actions in which the title to real estate
40 according to the pleadings filed in the case by either
41 party, is in question, except as provided in chapter ninety-
42 four sections six and seven of the Revised Statutes.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*