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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 221.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter one hundred and eighty of the Private and Special Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, establishing the Police Court of the City of Belfast, as amended by chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

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

Section three of chapter one hundred and eighty of the Private 2 and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine is

- 3 hereby amended so that it shall read as follows:
- 'Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of said court to make and keep 5 its own records, which records shall be such as would be legal

6 records in a trial justice's court. And certified copies of the 7 records of said court shall be evidence in the courts of this state. 8 And said court shall be holden on the first and third Mondays 9 of each month, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, at such 10 place in the city of Belfast as said city shall provide, for the 11 transaction of civil business; and all civil processes shall be 12 made returnable accordingly. And in all actions wherein the 13 debt or damages recovered by the plaintiff, or wherein the 14 amount claimed if the defendant prevails, exceeds twenty dol-15 lars, the fees of the court, parties and witnesses shall be the 16 same allowed by law in the supreme judicial court, except that 17 there may be taxed for the trial of an issue the same fee as is 18 legally taxable by trial justices, and the prevailing party shall 19 recover two dollars and fifty cents for attendance each term. 20 In all other civil action and in criminal matters the fees and 21 costs shall be the same as are legally taxable by trial justices, 22 except that in such civil actions the plaintiff, when he prevails, 23 shall recover two dollars for his writ, and the defendant, when 24 he prevails, one dollar for his pleadings; provided, that the 25 price of blank writs signed by the judge of said court shall be 26 two cents, and no more. And all fines, penalties and costs 27 rewarded by said judge in criminal cases shall be accounted for 28 and paid over by said judge in the same manner as required of 29 trial justices.'

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STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, Augusta, March 1, 1899.

Reported by Mr. GENTLEMAN of Porter, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.