

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 354

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amendatory of chapter 507 of the Private and Special
Laws of 1889, entitled "An Act to establish the Dover Municipal
Court."

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

Section four of said chapter is amended by adding thereto,
2 'provided, further, that warrants issued by any trial justice
3 in said county, upon complaint for crimes or offenses com-
4 mitted in any town or unorganized place in said county, may
5 be made returnable before said court,' so said section as
6 amended will read as follows:

'Said court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction as
8 follows: first, of all cases of forcible entry and detainer
9 respecting estates within either of the towns named in section
10 one; second, of all such criminal offenses and misdemeanors
11 committed in either of said towns as are by law within the

12 jurisdiction of trial justices; third, of all offenses against the
13 ordinances and by-laws of either of said towns; provided,
14 that warrants may be issued by any trial justice in said
15 county, upon complaint for offenses committed in either of
16 said towns, but all such warrants shall be made returnable
17 before said court and no other municipal or police court, and
18 no trial justice shall have or take cognizance of any crime or
19 offense committed in either of said towns; provided further,
20 that warrants issued by any trial justice in said county, upon
21 complaint, for crimes or offenses committed in any town or
22 unorganized place in said county, may be made returnable
23 before said court.'

Section six of said chapter is amended by inserting in the
25 fourth line thereof between the words "exceed" and "dollars"
26 the words 'one hundred' instead of the word "fifty;" so that
27 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Said court shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with
29 the supreme judicial court as follows: first, of all civil
30 action wherein the debt or damage demanded, exclusive of
31 costs, does not exceed one hundred dollars, in which any
32 person summoned as trustee resides within the county of
33 Piscataquis, or, if a corporation has an established place of
34 business in said county, or in which, no trustee being named
35 in the writ, any defendant resides in said county, or, if no
36 defendant resides within the limits of this State, any defend-
37 ant is served with process in said county, or the goods, estate
38 or effects of any defendant are found within said county and
39 attached on the original writ; second, of the assaults and
40 batteries described in section twenty-eight of chapter one hun-
41 dred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes; of all larcenies
42 described in sections one, six, seven, nine and eleven of chap-
43 ter one hundred and twenty of the Revised Statutes, when the
44 value of the property is not alleged to exceed thirty dollars, of

45 the offense described in section twenty-one of chapter one
46 hundred and twenty-two of the Revised Statutes; of all
47 offenses and crimes described in sections one and four of
48 chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the Revised Stat-
49 utes; of all offenses described in section six and in sections
50 twenty-nine to forty-five, inclusive, of chapter one hundred
51 and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes; of the offense de-
52 scribed in section five of chapter one hundred and twenty-five
53 of the Revised Statutes; of all offenses described in section
54 one of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the Revised
55 Statutes, when the value of the property or thing alleged to
56 have been fraudulently obtained, sold, mortgaged or pledged,
57 is not alleged to exceed thirty dollars; and of all offenses
58 described in section two, nine, sixteen, seventeen and twenty-
59 one of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised
60 Statutes, when the value of the property destroyed, or the
61 injury done, is not alleged to exceed thirty dollars; and may
62 punish for either of said crimes or offenses, by fine not ex-
63 ceeding fifty dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding
64 three months, provided, that when the offenses described in
65 section twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and eighteen,
66 section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and twenty-two,
67 and sections one and four of chapter one hundred and twenty-
68 three, are of a high and aggravated nature, the judge of said
69 court may cause persons charged with such offenses to recog-
70 nize with sufficient sureties to appear before the supreme
71 judicial court, and in default thereof commit them; third,
72 of all other crimes, offenses and misdemeanors committed in
73 said county, which are by law punishable by fine not exceed-
74 ing fifty dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding three
75 months, and are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of some
76 other municipal or police court.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 15, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*