

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 95

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT concerning Attorneys at Law.

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

Section 1. Sections 27, 28, 29 and 30 of Chapter 79 of
2 the Revised Statutes of 1883 are hereby amended so as to
3 give any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, in term
4 time or in vacation, the powers therein conferred upon the
5 court, and said sections, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sect. 27. If an attorney at law receives money or any
7 valuable thing on a claim left with him for collection or
8 settlement, and fails to account for and pay over the same
9 to the claimant for ten days after demand, he is guilty of
10 a breach of duty as an attorney ; and such claimant may
11 file in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial court

12 in the county where such attorney resides, a motion in
13 writing, under oath, setting forth the facts; and there-
14 upon any justice of the supreme judicial court in term time
15 or in vacation shall issue a rule, requiring the attorney to
16 appear on a day fixed and show cause why he should not
17 so account and pay, and to abide the order of such justice
18 in the premises; which shall be served by copy in hand at
19 least five days before the return day.

Sect. 28. If he then appears, he shall file an answer to
21 such motion, under oath, and such justice may examine
22 the parties and other evidence pertinent thereto. If he
23 does not appear and answer, the facts set forth in the motion
24 shall be taken as confessed; and in either case such justice
25 shall render such decree as equity requires.

Sect. 29. Either party may allege exceptions to any
27 ruling or decree of such justice; and they shall be allowed
28 unless deemed frivolous.

Sect. 30. If the attorney does not perform the decree
30 of such justice, he shall be committed for contempt until
31 he does, or is otherwise lawfully discharged; and his name
32 shall be struck from the roll of attorneys.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 11, 1903.

Reported by Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Rockland, from Committee on the
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*