

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 216

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and forty-two of the
Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five,
entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland."

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

Section 1. Item II of section twenty-three, of chapter two
2 hundred and forty-two of Private and Special Laws of
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby amended so that
4 the same shall read as follows:

'Said court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all
6 offenses against the ordinances and by-laws of said city, and
7 of the local board of health therein, and of such criminal
8 offenses and misdemeanors committed therein, as are cog-

9 nizable by trial justices; and of all civil actions wherein the
10 debt or damages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars, and
11 both parties reside in said city, except when the judge of said
12 court is interested in any such action as party or attorney;
13 and original jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court
14 of the county of Cumberland in all civil actions wherein the
15 debt or damages demanded do not exceed fifty dollars, exclu-
16 sive of costs, in which any party to the action or person sum-
17 moned as trustee shall reside, or, if not an inhabitant of the
18 State, shall be commorant or have a place of business, in
19 said city.'

Sect. 2. Item IV of section twenty-three of chapter two
2 hundred and forty-two of the Private and Special Laws of
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby amended so that
4 same shall read as follows:

'Said court shall be held on each Tuesday, at nine of the
6 clock in the forenoon, for the transaction of civil business,
7 at such place within said city as said judge shall determine;
8 but the city council may at any time, provide a court room,
9 in which case the court shall be held therein and all civil
10 processes shall be made returnable accordingly, and it may
11 be adjourned from time to time, by the judge at his discre-
12 tion; but it shall be considered in constant session for the
13 cognizance of criminal actions.

'The judge of said court may punish contempts against his
15 authority by fine or imprisonment, or either, compel the
16 attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths in civil and
17 criminal cases.'

Sect. 3. Item VIII of section twenty-three of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows:

“The judge of said court shall receive a salary of six hundred dollars per year from the first day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and five, to be paid him in quarterly payments from the county treasury of Cumberland county, which shall be in full for his services as such judge. All blanks, civil and criminal, dockets and record books, required by said court, shall be furnished by the county of Cumberland.”

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 22, 1905.

Reported by Mr. REED from Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*