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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 546

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 52 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to search.

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

Section 1. Section 52 of chapter 32 of the Revised Stat-2 utes is hereby amended as follows: By striking out the 3 words "and every sheriff and constable in his respective 4 county," in the second line of said section, and by striking 5 out the words "with a lawful warrant" after the word "and" 6 in the sixth line of said section, and by inserting in place 7 thereof the words 'with or without a warrant,' and by strik-8 ing out the word "dwelling-houses" in the eighth line of

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9 said section, and by adding at the end of said section the 10 following words, 'but no dwelling-house shall be searched II for the above purposes without a warrant and then only in 12 the day time, and no sealed railroad car shall be entered for 13 the above purposes without such warrant. Any magistrate 14 may issue warrants to search, within his jurisdiction, any 15 dwelling-house in the day time, or any other place at any 16 time, for the purposes above set forth, to any commissioner 17 of inland fisheries and game, or any warden, sheriff or any 18 of his deputies; such warrant shall be issued subject to the 19 requirements of section thirteen of chapter one hundred and 20 thirty-three of the Revised Statutes; provided, however, that 21 the commissioners shall, on or before October first of each 22 year, in writing, notify the superintendents of all transporta-23 tion companies doing business within the State of the names 24 of the wardens by them designated to exercise the right of 25 search as herein provided, which number shall not exceed 26 four for any one transportation company, and no others 27 shall, except those so designated, be authorized to exercise 28 the powers herein mentioned as to search,' so that said sec-29 tion, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 52. The commissioners and every warden through-31 out the State shall enforce the provisions of this chapter, and 32 shall seize any game, fish or game birds taken or held in 33 violation of this chapter; and every such officer may arrest, 34 with or without a warrant, any person whom he has reason 35 to believe guilty of a violation thereof, and with or without 36 a warrant, may open, enter and examine all buildings, 37 camps, vessels, boats, wagons, cars, stages, tents, and other 38 receptacles and places, and examine all boxes, barrels and 39 packages where he has reason to believe that game, fish or 40 game birds taken or held in violation of this chapter are to 41 be found, and seize such game, fish or game birds if any be 42 found therein, but no dwelling-house shall be searched for 43 the above purposes without a warrant and then only in the 44 day time, and no sealed railroad car shall be entered for the 45 above purposes without such warrant. Any magistrate may 46 issue warrants to search, within his jurisdiction, any dwell-47 ing-house, in the day time, or any other place at any time, 48 for the purposes above set forth, to any commissioner of 49 inland fisheries and game or any warden, sheriff or any of 50 his deputies; such warrant shall be issued subject to the 51 requirements of section thirteen of chapter one hundred and 52 thirty-three of the Revised Statutes; provided, however, 53 that the commissioners shall, on or before October first of 54 each year, in writing, notify the superintendents of all trans-55 portation companies doing business within the State of the 56 names of the wardens by them designated to exercise the 57 right of search as herein provided, which number shall not 58 exceed four for any one transportation company, and no 59 others shall, except those so designated, be authorized to 60 exercise the powers herein mentioned as to search."

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House of Representatives, Augusta, March 15, 1905.

Reported by Mr. HIGGINS from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.