

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 36

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 34, section 3 of the Revised Statutes relating to Notaries Public.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes 2 is hereby amended by striking out of said section the follow-3 ing words "take depositions and do any official act which 4 may be performed by a justice of the peace; take acknowl-5 edgment of deeds and other instruments and administer 6 oaths in all cases where a justice of the peace can act," and 7 by adding at the end of said section the following 'He may 8 do all things that justices of the peace are, or may be, author-9 ized to do and shall have the same territorial jurisdiction;' so 10 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

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'Sect. 3. He may, in behalf of any person interested, pre-12 sent any bill of exchange or other negotiable paper for 13 acceptance or payment to any party liable therefor; notify 14 indorsers or other parties thereto; record and certify all con-15 tracts usually recorded or certified by notaries; certify coun-16 try products, and in general, do all acts which may be done 17 by notaries public according to the usages of merchants, and 18 authorized by law; and shall record at length, in a book of 19 records, all acts, protests, depositions and other things by 20 him noted or done in his official capacity. He may do all 21 things that justices of the peace are or may be authorized to 22 do and shall have the same territorial jurisdiction.'

Sect. 2. This act shall apply to notaries public already 2 appointed and shall validate any acts heretofore done by 3 them which would be valid hereunder.

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IN SENATE, January 31, 1905.

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Pending reference to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence, laid on table to be printed on motion by Mr. MILLS of Hancock. KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.