

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 332

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred eighty-four of the
Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to estab-
lish a municipal court in the town of Searsport."

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter one hundred eighty-four
2 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the word "justices" in the second line the
4 words 'and with the police court of the city of Belfast,' so
5 that said sectin as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 4. Said judge shall have concurrent jurisdiction
7 with trial justices and with the police court of the city of

8 Belfast in all matters, civil or criminal, within the county of
9 Waldo, and with trial justices in all cases of forcible entry
10 and detainer arising in said county. Nothing in this act
11 shall be construed to give said court jurisdiction in any civil
12 action in which the title to real estate, according to the
13 pleading of brief statement filed therein by either party, is
14 in question; and all such actions brought therein shall be
15 removed to the supreme judicial court, or otherwise disposed
16 of, as in like cases before a trial justice.'

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter one hundred eighty-four
2 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 is hereby amended
3 by striking out all of said section after the word "Searsport"
4 in the third line and ending with the word "Searsport" at
5 the end of the seventh line, so that said section as amended
6 shall read as follows:

'Section 5. Said judge shall have original and exclusive
8 jurisdiction of all offenses against the ordinances and laws
9 of the town of Searsport, and in all cases of forcible entry
10 and detainer arising in said town, excepting all actions in
11 which said judge may be interested; provided, that any
12 action, civil or criminal, in which the judge is interested or
13 related to either of the parties by consanguinity or affinity
14 within the sixth degree, according to the rules of the civil
15 law, or within the degree of second cousin, inclusive, but
16 which would otherwise be within the exclusive jurisdiction
17 of said court, may be brought before and disposed of by any

18 trial justice within said county, in the same manner, and
19 with like effect, as other actions before said trial justices.'

Sect. 3. Section six of chapter one hundred eighty-four of
2 the Private and Special Laws of 1899 is hereby amended
3 by striking out all of said section after the word "days" in
4 the tenth line, so that said section as amended shall read as
5 follows:

'Section 6. Said judge shall have jurisdiction in all cases
7 of simple larceny and where the property alleged to have
8 been stolen shall not exceed in value the sum of twenty dol-
9 lars, and of all cases of cheating by false pretences, where
10 the property, money or other thing alleged to have been
11 fraudulently obtained shall not exceed in value the sum of
12 twenty dollars, and shall have power to try the same and in
13 either of said cases, to award sentence upon conviction by
14 fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or imprisonment in the
15 county jail with or without labor for a term not exceeding
16 ninety days.'

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 28, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*