

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 342

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-three of chapter four of the
Revised Statutes relating to the payment of damages done by
dogs or wild animals, to domestic animals.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-three of chapter four of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 words "twenty-four hours" in the fifth line between the words
4 "within" and "after" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
5 "seven days" so that said section as amended shall read as
6 follows:

'Sect. 53. Whenever any sheep, lamb, or other domestic
8 animals owned by a resident of this state are killed or

9 injured by dogs or wild animals, such owner may make com-
10 plaint thereof to the mayor of the city, or to one of the muni-
11 cipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage
12 was done, within seven days after he has knowledge of the
13 same and thereupon the municipal officers shall investigate
14 such complaint and if satisfied that such damage was commit-
15 ted by dogs or wild animals within the limits of their city,
16 town, or plantation, they shall estimate the amount thereof
17 and direct that the same be paid from the town treasury.
18 Any town paying such damages caused by dogs, may main-
19 tain an action on the case against the owner or keeper of
20 such dogs to recover the amount paid, not exceeding the
21 actual damage committed.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 28, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*