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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

#### HOUSE.

No. 360

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section ten of chapter ninety of the Revised Statutes, relating to costs on petition for partition of real estate.

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

Section 1. Section ten of chapter ninety of the Revised 2 Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following 3 words:

In all cases, including the default of the respondent or 5 respondents, when judgment for partition is given, the court, 6 after notice to all parties in interest, may, in the discretion of 7 the presiding justice, apportion the costs between the peti-

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8 tioner and respondent or respondents, or allow the petitioner 9 to recover costs of the proceedings against the respondent or 10 respondents to be taxed the same as in a civil action, and exe-11 cution may be issued therefor,' so that said section, as 12 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. When a petitioner is found to own a less share 14 than is claimed in his petition, he shall have partition of such 15 share, but the respondent recovers costs. When found 16 entitled to have partition of the share claimed, he recovers 17 costs of the respondent. In such cases, or on default, a 18 judgment that partition be made shall be entered. In all 19 other cases, including default of the respondent or respond-20 ents, when judgment for partition is given, the court, after 21 notice to all parties in interest, may, in the discretion of the 22 presiding justice, apportion the costs between the petitioner 23 and respondent or respondents, or allow the petitioner to 24 recover costs of the proceedings against the respondent or 25 respondents to be taxed the same as in a civil action, and 26 execution may be issued therefor.' . . . 

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House of Representatives, Augusta, March 1, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk