

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 381

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred eighty of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, as amended by chapter 428 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, and by chapter 123 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the police court of the City of Belfast.

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

Section 1. Section three of said chapter 185 as amended  
2 by chapter 123 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, is  
3 hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

‘Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of said court to keep its own  
5 records, which records shall be such as would be legal rec-

6 ords in a trial justice court; and certified copies of the rec-  
7 ords of said police court shall be evidence in the courts of  
8 this state. Said court shall be holden on the first and third  
9 Mondays of each month, at ten of the clock in the forenoon,  
10 at such place in the city of Belfast as said city shall provide,  
11 for the transaction of civil business; and all processes shall  
12 be made returnable accordingly. And in all actions wherein  
13 the debt or damage recovered by the plaintiff, or wherein  
14 the amount claimed if the defendant prevails, exceeds twenty  
15 dollars, the fees of the court, parties and witnesses shall be  
16 the same as allowed by law in the supreme judicial court,  
17 except that there may be taxed for the trial of an issue the  
18 same fee as is legally taxable by trial justices, and in all  
19 other civil actions the fees and costs shall be the same as are  
20 taxable by trial justices, except that the plaintiff, when he  
21 prevails, shall recover two dollars for his writ and the defend-  
22 ant, when he prevails, one dollar for his pleadings, provided  
23 that the price of blank writs and summonses signed by the  
24 judge of said court, shall be four cents and no more. In  
25 criminal matters the fees shall be the same as are legally  
26 taxable by trial justices, except that there may be taxed one  
27 dollar for issuing a warrant and two dollars for arraigning  
28 prisoner and trial of issue. There may also be taxed, for  
29 appeal copies, civil and criminal, two dollars and fifty cents  
30 including the seal, and a like amount for copies in libel cases.  
31 All fines, penalties and costs received by said judge in crimi-  
32 nal cases, shall be accounted for and paid over by said judge  
33 in the same manner as required of trial justices.'

Sect. 2. Section five of said chapter 180 as amended by  
2 chapter 428 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, is here-  
3 by further amended to read as follows :

‘Sect. 5. The city of Belfast shall have power and it shall  
5 be its duty to provide a suitable room in which to hold said  
6 court, for the use of said judge, and to furnish a seal for  
7 said court. Said judge may collect all fees arising in said  
8 court, which shall be in full payment for his services; pro-  
9 vided, however, that the city council of said city of Belfast  
10 may by an ordinance, establish a salary for said judge not  
11 exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than six hundred  
12 dollars per annum, to be paid by said city in monthly pay-  
13 ments, in which case said judge shall account for and pay  
14 into the treasury of said city all fees received by him in  
15 criminal matters, except for copies.’

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 1, 1907.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*