

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 566

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections four and five of chapter five hundred and eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to the municipal court of the town of Norway, and to establish a salary for the judge of said court.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter five hundred and eight
2 of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-
3 five, is hereby amended so that said section as amended shall
4 read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Said court shall be held on the first Tuesday of
6 each month at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the transaction
7 of civil business at such place within said town as the judge

'8 shall determine, but the town may at any time provide a
9 court room, in which case the court shall be held therein, and
10 all civil processes shall be made returnable accordingly, and
11 it may be adjourned from time to time by the judge at his
12 discretion; but it shall be in constant session for the cog-
13 nizance of criminal actions; provided, that if at any regular
14 or adjourned term of said court to be held for civil business,
15 the judge is not present at the place for holding said court
16 within two hours after the time for opening said court, then
17 any trial justice or justice of the peace in the county of
18 Oxford may preside for the purpose of entering and con-
19 tinuing actions, and filing papers in said court, and may
20 adjourn said court from time to time without detriment to
21 any action, returnable or pending, and may in his discretion,
22 adjourn said court without day, in which event all actions
23 returned or pending, shall be considered as continued to the
24 next term. No trial justice or justice of the peace shall be
25 disqualified from presiding for the purposes mentioned in
26 this section, by reason of his being interested in any action
27 returnable before or pending in said court.'

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter five hundred and eight
2 of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-
3 five, is hereby amended so that said section as amended shall
4 read as follows:

'Sect. 5. It shall be the duty of the judge of said court
6 to make and keep the records thereof, or cause the same
7 to be made and kept and to perform all other duties required

8 of similar tribunals in this State; and copies of said records
9 duly certified by said judge shall be legal evidence in all
10 courts. Said court shall have authority, and is hereby
11 authorized to punish for contempt and compel attendance,
12 as in the supreme judicial court, and make all such rules
13 and regulations, not repugnant to law, as may be necessary
14 and proper for the administration of justice.'

Sect. 3. From and after the first day of July nineteen
2 hundred and seven, the judge of said municipal court shall
3 receive an annual salary of seven hundred dollars payable
4 quarterly, out of the county treasury of Oxford county, on
5 the first days of July, October, January and April, which
6 shall be in full payment for all his services as judge of said
7 court.

Sect. 4. Said judge shall render to the county treasurer
2 semi-annually, on the second Tuesdays of April and October,
3 a true statement, in writing, signed and sworn to by him, of
4 all fees received or which he is entitled to receive by virtue
5 of his said office, for the six months ending on the last days
6 of March and September of each year, and pay the same
7 over to said county treasurer; and on said second Tuesdays
8 of April and October he shall produce and exhibit his civil
9 and criminal docket to the court of county commissioners
10 of said county for their examination; he shall also produce
11 and exhibit to said county commissioners any or all original
12 papers on file in his office, if they so require.

Sect. 5. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners
2 to furnish and provide at the expense of the county all
3 blanks required for the use of said court in the transaction
4 of its civil and criminal business including proper books fo
5 the record of all cases arising therein; and said county com-
6 missioners shall also provide at the expense of the county,
7 all necessary office stationery and supplies for the use of the
8 judge of said court in the performance of his official duties.

Sect. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect July 1st nineteen hun-
2 dred and seven.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 14, 1907.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*