

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 483

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in favor of the law student who is also a laboring man.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Any laboring man or person who desires to
2 study for the profession of law shall not be denied the
3 privilege of any examination before the Maine State Board
4 of Bar Examiners by reason of his occupation.

Sect. 2. Any citizen of Maine of good moral character,
2 who has reached the age of twenty-one years, and who has
3 graduated from any high school and can show a certificate
4 of study from any qualified attorney and counsellor at law,
5 setting forth his qualifications, the term not being required
6 to be in excess of six months' study of the principles of law

7 under the guidance of said attorney, shall be eligible for
8 examination.

Sect. 3. Any student who has carefully pursued the study
2 of law for a term of two years in any law school or in any
3 law office under the direction of any qualified professor of
4 law or any lawyer, and that student fails to pass the re-
5 quired examination, may have the right to review all papers
6 which contain the questions and the answers given either
7 by himself or of any other person who has been admitted
8 to the bar at the same sitting of the said State Board of
9 Bar Examiners.

Sect. 4. Any student who has been refused admission to
2 the bar on account of his moral character shall have a right
3 to vindicate his character in open court; and all members
4 of the board of examiners shall be required to attend said
5 hearing and shall be required to set forth the objection to
6 said student.

Sect. 5. Any laboring man who desires to become a law
2 student may file his intentions with the clerk of the Supreme
3 Court in the county where he resides, and shall be allowed
4 at least three months' time during each year of study to
5 pursue any form of labor which to him seems proper and
6 right.

Sect. 6. Any person who has taken a full three years'
2 course in the study of law in the State University and
3 having received therefrom a diploma and a degree of Bach-

4 elor of Laws may practice law before all the courts of Maine
5 without further examination, unless said person is of im-
6 moral character.

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 5, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. WING of
Auburn and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*