

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 690

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to change the name and enlarge the powers of the
Municipal Court of Skowhegan.

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

Section 1. The name of the Municipal Court of Skowhe-
2 gan, established by chapter 485 of the Private and Special
3 Laws of 1901, is hereby changed to the Western Somerset
4 Municipal Court, and the powers, duties and functions of
5 said Court are enlarged, altered and modified as hereinafter
6 provided.

Sect. 2. The judge of said Court shall be at all times a
2 resident of the County of Somerset, and a member of the bar
3 of this State.

Sect. 3. Said Court shall have and exercise such jurisdiction as is conferred by the statutes of this State upon municipal and police courts and trial justices, and in addition thereto shall have and exercise jurisdiction as follows:

I. Original jurisdiction concurrent with the Supreme Judicial Court of the larcenies described in sections one, six, seven, eight and nine of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes, where the value of the property is not alleged to exceed thirty dollars, of the assaults and batteries described in section twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Revised Statutes; and of the offenses described in section six of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, and may punish for either of said offences by fine not exceeding fifty dollars and by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months; except that said Court shall have no jurisdiction over offences committed in any of the towns of Pittsfield, Hartland, Harmony, Palmyra, Saint Albans, Detrcit, Ripley or Cambridge.

II. Original jurisdiction concurrent with trial justices of all civil actions wherein the debt or damages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars and any defendant or a person summoned as trustee resides in said County of Somerset; except actions where all parties reside in any of the towns of Pittsfield, Hartland, Harmony, Palmyra, Saint Albans, Detrcit, Ripley and Cambridge.

III. Original jurisdiction concurrent with the Supreme
28 Judicial Court and the Municipal Court of Pittsfield of all
29 civil actions wherein the debt or damages demanded exceed
30 twenty dollars and do not exceed one hundred dollars, and
31 any defendant or a person summoned as trustee resides in the
32 County of Somerset.

Sect. 4. Said Court shall be in constant session for the
2 trial of criminal causes, and criminal sessions thereof may be
3 held at Skowhegan, Fairfield, Madison or Bingham; the
4 place of hearing in all cases to be determined by the judge,
5 having regard to the convenience of parties and counsel and
6 the expense to the County.

Sect. 5. Regular terms of said Court for the transaction of
2 civil business shall be held as follows:

At Skowhegan, on the first Monday of every month except-
3 ing August, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

At Fairfield, on the second Monday of January, March,
5 May, July, September and November, at nine o'clock in the
6 forenoon.

At Madison, on the last Monday of every month excepting
8 July, at nine thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

At Bingham, on the second Monday of February, April,
10 June, October, and December, at eleven o'clock in the fore-
11 noon.

Sect. 6. The municipal officers of the towns of Skowhe-
2 gan, Fairfield, Madison and Bingham shall provide suitable
3 rooms and facilities for the holding of the sessions of said

4 Court, and all processes shall be made returnable according-
5 ly.

Sect. 7. The costs and fees allowed to parties, attorneys,
2 and witnesses shall remain as heretofore, except that the
3 plaintiff, if he prevail, shall be allowed two dollars for his
4 writ.

Sect. 8. As compensation for his services in that capacity
2 the Judge of said Court shall receive an annual salary of
3 fourteen hundred dollars, payable in quarterly instalments
4 from the treasury of the County of Somerset, on the first
5 days of January, April, July and October; and all fees re-
6 ceived by him in said capacity shall be by him turned over
7 to the County of Somerset. He shall account quarterly un-
8 der oath to the county treasurer for all fees received by him,
9 specifying the items, and shall pay the same to said treasur-
10 er quarterly, on the first days of January, April, July, and
11 October; and he shall annually, and as much oftener as re-
12 quired by the County Commissioners of said County pro-
13 duce before said Commissioners the dockets, records and ac-
14 counts of said Court, and be inquired of by them as fully as
15 they deem necessary with reference to all his official acts.
16 The fees to be demanded and received by said judge shall re-
17 main as heretofore, except that the fee for each blank writ,
18 signed and sealed, shall be four cents, including the sum-
19 mons for same.

Sect. 9. All dockets, record-books, blanks, and the seal of
2 said Court, and such stationery and supplies as are reason-

3 ably necessary for the proper administration of said Court,
4 shall be provided by the County of Somerset, and all bills
5 therefor shall be audited by the County Commissioners of
6 said County.

Sect. 10. Chapter 365 of the Private and Special Laws of
2 1901, and chapter 437 of the Private and Special Laws of
3 1907, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the
2 provisions hereof are hereby repealed; but the provisions of
3 chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, estab-
4 lishing the Municipal Court of Skowhegan, shall continue in
5 force and apply to the Court under its new name, except as
6 they may be modified or altered hereby.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 18, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HARRINGTON from Committee on Salaries and Fees and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*