

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 697

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and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to prevent extortion in the publication of legal notices.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for publishers of daily,
2 weekly, or semi-weekly publications to charge for the pub-
3 lication of legal notices, where such publication is required
4 by law, more than the minimum charge made and collected,
5 per agate line or inch, from any advertiser in said publi-
6 cation.

Sect. 2. Publishers inserting legal notices, shall prepare
2 a printed rate card showing thereon the maximum and
3 minimum rate per agate line or inch, for general advertis-
4 ing inserted in said publication, and said card shall bear
5 dates thereon showing when the said rates went into effect

6 and when they shall expire. Such cards shall be supplied
7 free to any person upon request therefor.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful for any Register of Probate
2 or his representative, or any person connected with a Pro-
3 bate court, to accept more than Five (5%) per cent as com-
4 mission, for making collections from parties paying for the
5 publication of legal notices.

Sect. 4. Municipal and Police courts and trial justices
2 shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this act.

Sect. 5. Any person violating any provision of this act
2 shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred
3 (\$100.00) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500.00)
4 dollars, for each offense and in default of payment shall
5 serve not less than thirty (30) nor more than ninety (90)
6 days in jail.