

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 860

House of Representatives, March 19, 1915.

Reported by Mr. Connellan from Committee on Judiciary
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter two hundred four of the Public
Laws of eighteen hundred fifty-six in relation to the Juris-
diction of the Municipal Court of the City of Portland as
amended by chapter twenty-eight of the Public Laws of
eighteen hundred eighty-seven and chapter one hundred
thirty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-
five.

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

Section two of chapter two hundred four of the public
2 laws of eighteen hundred fifty-six as amended by chapter
3 twenty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred eighty-
4 seven and chapter one hundred thirty-four of the public

5 laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five is hereby amended by
6 striking out said section two and inserting the following:

‘Sect. 2. Said court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all
8 civil actions in which the debt or damages demanded do not
9 exceed twenty dollars, and both parties, or the defendant,
10 or a person summoned in good faith as trustee, reside in the
11 city of Portland, and of all cases of forcible entry and de-
12 tainer where the property demanded is in said city; and of
13 all criminal offenses and misdemeanors committed in said
14 city as are cognizable by municipal or police courts or trial
15 justices, or are within the additional jurisdiction and au-
16 thority conferred upon this court. In actions against two or
17 more defendants or trustees, residing in different counties,
18 where one defendant or trustee resides in this county, con-
19 current jurisdiction with other trial justices or municipal
20 or police courts in the county where either of the defend-
21 ants reside, as is provided in section sixteen, chapter eighty-
22 three and section five of chapter eighty-eight of the revised
23 statutes of this state, and concurrent with other trial jus-
24 tices or municipal or police courts in the county of Cumber-
25 land, over all matters and things, civil and criminal, within
26 their jurisdiction, where exclusive jurisdiction is not other-
27 wise conferred by law; and concurrent jurisdiction with the
28 superior court in the county of Cumberland, in all personal
29 actions including actions of replevin when a defendant or
30 person summoned in good faith as trustee resides in the
31 county of Cumberland, where the debt, damages or goods

32 demanded, exclusive of costs, exceed twenty dollars and do
33 not exceed two hundred dollars. This jurisdiction shall not
34 include actions in which the title to real estate according
35 to pleadings filed by either party, is in question, excepting
36 as is provided in chapter ninety-six of the revised statutes,
37 sections six and seven, and excepting as is provided in chap-
38 ter eighty-five of the revised statutes, section three. All the
39 provisions of the statutes of this state relative to the at-
40 tachment of real estate and personal property and the levy-
41 ing of executions, shall be applicable to actions in this court
42 and executions on judgments rendered therein. Said court
43 is hereby authorized to administer oaths, render judgments,
44 issue executions, certify copies of its records, punish for
45 contempt and compel attendance as in the superior court of
46 this county.'