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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 181

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Merrill of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section twenty-three of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to poor debtors.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter one hundred and fifteen of 2 the revised statutes, is hereby amended as follows: by in-3 serting after the word "affairs," in the eighth line thereof, 4 the follownig: 'And a judge of any municipal court may 5 hold disclosure court in any town in which the regular terms 6 of the court of which he is judge are held,' so that said sec-

7 tion as amended shall read as follows:

Such magistrate shall thereupon issue under his 2 hand and seal a subpoena to the debtor, commanding him to 3 appear before any such disinterested magistrate within said 4 county in the town in which the debtor, the petitioner or 5 his attorney resides, and in case there is no such magistrate 6 in the town where the debtor, petitioner or his attorney re-7 sides then in the shire town of said county, at a time and 8 place therein named to make full and true disclosure, on oath, 9 of all his business and property affairs. And a judge of to any municipal court may hold disclosure court in any town 11 in which the regular terms of the court of which he is judge 12 are held. The application shall be annexed to the subpoena. 13 Any town in which regular sessions of the supreme judicial 14 court are held, shall be considered a shire town for the pur-15 pose of this section. No application or subpoena shall be 16 deemed incorrect for want of form only, or for circumstan-17 tial errors or mistakes, when the person and the case can be 18 rightly understood. Such errors and mistakes may be amend-19 ed on application of either party.'