

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 425

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*In Senate, March 30, 1917.*

*Reported by Mr. Merrill from committee on legal affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section twenty-three of chapter one hundred and fifteen  
2 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended as follows: By  
3 inserting after the word "affairs" in the eighth line thereof,  
4 the following: 'And a judge of any municipal court may  
5 hold disclosure court upon a subpoena returnable as afore-  
6 said in any town in which the regular terms of the court  
7 of which he is judge are held,' so that said section as amend-  
8 ed shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 23. Such magistrate shall thereupon issue under his  
2 hand and seal a subpoena to the debtor, commanding him  
3 to appear before any such disinterested magistrate within  
4 said county in the town in which the debtor, the petitioner  
5 or his attorney resides, and in case there is no such magis-  
6 trate in the town where the debtor, petitioner or his attor-  
7 ney resides then in the shire town of said county, at a time  
8 and place therein named to make full and true disclosure,  
9 on oath, of all his business and property affairs. And a  
10 judge of any municipal court may hold disclosure court  
11 upon a subpoena returnable as aforesaid in any town in  
12 which the regular terms of the court of which he is judge  
13 are held. The application shall be annexed to the subpoena.  
14 Any town in which the regular sessions of the supreme ju-  
15 dicial court are held, shall be considered a shire town for  
16 the purpose of this section. No application or subpoena  
17 shall be deemed incorrect for want of form only, or for cir-  
18 cumstantial errors or mistakes, when the person and the case  
19 can be rightly understood. Such errors and mistakes may  
20 be amended on application of either party.’