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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE NO. 71

In Senate, Feb. 12, 1919.

Reported by Senator Dearth from Committee on Judiciary
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dearth of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-four
of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Examination of Appli-
cants for Admission to the Bar.

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

That section 27 of chapter 84 of the revised statutes be and

2 hereby is amended by inserting after the word "examina-

3 tion" in the sixth line of said section, the following:

'Except any applicant who has served the United States in

2 the army or navy as an enlisted or drafted man, in the war

3 with Germany and Austria, who has received an honorable

4 discharge and who at the time of his enlistment, or when he

5 was drafted, was engaged in the study of law, shall be re-
6 quired to have pursued the study of law in the office of some
7 attorney or in some well recognized law school or university
8 for at least two years prior to such examination.'   So that
9 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'The residences and names of the applicants shall be made
2 to appear to said board and satisfactory evidence shall also
3 be produced by said applicants of their good moral char-
4 acter and of their having pursued the study of law in the
5 office of some attorney or in some recognized law school or
6 university for at least three years prior to such examination ;
7 except any applicant, who has served the United States
8 in the army or navy as an enlisted or drafted man, in the
9 war with Germany and Austria, and who has received an
10 honorable discharge, and who at the time of his enlist-
11 ment, or when he was drafted, was engaged in the study of
12 law, shall be required to have pursued the study of law in
13 the office of some attorney or in some well recognized law
14 school or university for at least two years prior to such
15 examination; and a fee to be fixed by said board of not
16 more than twenty dollars shall accompany the application.
17 The applicant shall be required to submit to a written
18 examination which shall be prepared by said board, also to
19 an oral examination by the board, if deemed necessary, and
20 shall be required to answer correctly a minimum of seventy
21 per cent of the questions given him to entitle him to the cer-
22 tificate of the board.   The board shall, however, have power

23 to establish such higher grades of standing as to them may

24 seem proper.

In all cases where the applicants have complied with the re-

2 quirements of section 27, chapter 84 of the revised statutes

3 of 1916 and who were at the time in the service of the United

4 States army or navy, and who have since received an hon-

5 orable discharge, or are still in the service, who took the

6 examination for admission to the Bar while in said service,

7 and who have also complied with section 28 of said chapter

8 84 and who received by answering all questions propounded

9 to them by said board of examiners an average minimum of

10 at least sixty per cent (60%) on the questions given them,

11 at any time upon an application hereafter made by them to

12 said board, they are entitled to receive the certificate of said

13 board and all such applicants who heretofore have taken

14 examinations before said board as required by law and have

15 paid in the fee required by said board, shall be entitled at

16 any time hereafter to take his examination before said

17 board upon applying to them for the right so to do, with-

18 out paying any extra fee for said second examination.'