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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 100

In Senate, March 7, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Thompson from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-four of the Public Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Sixty-seven of the Public Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-five, as amended by Section Eleven of the City Charter of the City of Bath, as amended by Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-five of the Public Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-five, Relating to a Municipal Court in the City of Bath.

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

Chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the public laws 2 of eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act to 3 establish a municipal court in the city of Bath", as amended 4 by chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the public laws 5 of eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and as amended by 6 section eleven of the city charter of the city of Bath, and 7 as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the 8 public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby 9 further amended by striking out all of sub-section two of 10 section one of said chapter one hundred and thirty-five, and 11 substituting therefor the following sub-section:

'Sect. 2. Said court shall exercise jurisdiction over all 2 such matters and things, civil and criminal, within the county 3 of Sagadahoc, as trial justices may exercise and under sim-4 ilar restrictions and limitations, and concurrent jurisdiction 5 with trial justices in cases of forcible entry and detainer 6 in said county, and exclusive jurisdiction in all such mat-7 ters and things when both parties interested, or any plain-8 tiff and a person summoned as trustee, resides in the city 9 of Bath or either of the towns named in section one of this 10 act; and over all offenses committed against the ordinances 11 and by-laws of said city, though the penalty thereof may 12 accrue to said city and towns, and in the prosecution on 13 any such ordinances or by-laws or any special law of the 14 state relating to said city or to either of said towns, such 15 by-law, ordinance or special law need not be recited in the 16 complaint or process, nor the allegations therein be more 17 particular than in prosecutions on a public statute; and over 18 all such criminal offences within the limits of the same, as 19 are cognizable by trial justices, and no trial justice or jus20 tice of the peace shall take cognizance over any crime or 21 misdemeanor committed in said city, or in either of said 22 towns, or any civil action over which said court has ex-23 clusive jurisdiction; and concurrent jurisdiction with the 24 supreme judicial court in all personal actions where the 25 debt or damage demanded, exclusive of costs, is over twenty 26 dollars and not over three hundred dollars, and in all actions 27 of replevin under chapter one hundred and one of the re-28 vised statutes, when it appears that the sum demanded for 29 the penalty, forfeiture or damages, or the value of the goods 30 replevined, does not exceed three hundred dollars, and any 31 defendant or any person summoned as trustee reside in the 32 county of Sagadahoc; but this jurisdiction shall not include 33 proceedings under the divorce laws, nor jurisdiction over 34 actions in which the title to real estate, according to the 35 pleadings filed in the case by either party, is in question; 36 except as provided in chapter ninety-nine, sections six and 37 seven of the revised statutes.'