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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 133

S. D. No. 140

In Senate, March 3, 1925.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections Three and Eighteen of Chapter One Hundred Thirteen of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-one, Relating to West Washington Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred thirteen of the private 2 and special laws for the year nineteen hundred twenty-one 3 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of section 4 three thereof and inserting in place thereof the following, 5 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. The territorial jurisdiction of said court shall 2 be as follows: Exclusive jurisdiction of all criminal of- 3 fenses and misdemeanors committed within said towns of 4 Machias, East Machias and Machiasport, and concurrent

5 jurisdiction with trial justices in the county of Washing-
6 ton of all like offenses and misdemeanors when committed
7 in the towns of Lubec or Trescott in said county; exclusive
8 original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the parties
9 to the same, as defined in section two of said act, reside
10 within the county of Washington, except towns lying wholly
11 east of the Machias river, and in addition the towns of
12 East Machias, Lubec and Trescott.'

Sect. 2. Said chapter is further amended by striking out
2 the whole of section eighteen thereof and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall
4 read as follows:

'Sect. 18. Trial justices are hereby prohibited from ex-
2 ercising any jurisdiction in the towns of Machias, East
3 Machias, Machiasport, Lubec and Trescott over any mat-
4 ters civil or criminal which by the terms of this act are
5 expressly delegated to this court exclusively, except such
6 as are within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, pro-
7 vided that until such judge and recorder of said court shall
8 enter upon the duties of their offices, any trial justices shall
9 have and exercise the same jurisdiction, as though this said
10 municipal court had never been established; and all actions
11 entered and pending before any trial justice, at the time
12 said judge and recorder of said court enter upon the duties
13 of their office as aforesaid, shall be finally disposed of by
14 said trial justices; and nothing in this act shall be construed
15 to interfere with such actions returnable before a trial jus-
16 tice as shall be commenced before this act takes effect.'