

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 65

S. P. 152

In Senate, Feb. 10, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrison of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Twenty-seven of Chapter Eighty-four of the Revised Statutes of Maine Relating to Applicants for Admission to the Bar of This State.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes of the state of Maine, as amended by chapter sixteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of the same and inserting therefor the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 27. Each applicant before taking examination for admission to the bar of this state, shall produce to said board of examiners satisfactory evidence of good moral

4 character and of having received a preliminary education
5 equivalent to that required for graduation from the class
6 A secondary schools of this state as recognized by the state
7 commissioner of education. Such preliminary education
8 may be proved by the production of a diploma from the
9 secondary school attended (and, if said school is located
10 without the state, evidence that its standards are equal to
11 those of said class A secondary schools in this state), or
12 from a school or college of educational standing higher than
13 that of the said class A secondary schools, or from a law
14 school approved by said board of examiners. In lieu of
15 such diploma, such applicant may furnish a certificate that
16 he has passed the examinations of the college entrance ex-
17 amination board with a sufficient rank to admit to Bates
18 College, Bowdoin College, Colby College, or the University
19 of Maine, or the entrance examinations of one of said
20 institutions required of candidates for the degree of A.B.,
21 or B.S. Any applicant may register with said board of
22 examiners at any time by filing with said board a certificate
23 stating his name, address, age, and the date on which the
24 study of law is commenced and at the same time may sub-
25 mit to the board the proof of preliminary education, which
26 proof shall be at once acted upon by the board and the re-
27 sult of such action communicated to the applicant. In ad-
28 dition to the foregoing requirements, each applicant shall
29 produce to the said board satisfactory evidence of having
30 pursued the study of law in the office of some attorney or

31 in some law school approved by said board for at least three
32 (3) years prior to examination. When an applicant shall
33 have satisfied said board that all the foregoing requirements
34 have been fulfilled, said applicant shall pay a fee to be fixed
35 by said board of not more than twenty dollars (\$20) and
36 shall then be required to submit to a written examination
37 which shall be prepared by said board, also an oral exam-
38 ination by said board, if deemed necessary, and shall be
39 required to answer correctly a minimum of seventy per
40 cent of the questions asked to entitle said applicant to the
41 certificate of qualification mentioned in section twenty-six
42 of this chapter. The board shall, however, have power to
43 establish such higher grades of standing as to them may
44 seem proper.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen hun-
2 dred and thirty.