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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Trial and Law Terms of the Supreme
Judicial Court.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-one of chapter eighty-two of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

‘Sect. 51. For the trial of civil actions and persons ac-
2 cused of offenses and for the transaction of all business,
3 except cases named in section forty-six, the trial terms of
4 the Supreme Judicial Court shall be held annually by one
5 justice at the following places and times, and the justices
6 shall so hold said terms under the direction of the chief
7 justice, that their services shall be divided to each county
8 as equally as may be.

‘Androscoggin: At Auburn on the fourth Tuesday of January, second Tuesday of April, and the first Tuesday of October.

‘Aroostook: At Houlton on the third Tuesday of April and the second Tuesday of November for civil and criminal business, and at Caribou on the first Tuesday of February and September for civil business only.

‘Cumberland: At Portland on the second Tuesday of January, April, and October for civil business.

‘Franklin: At Farmington, on the first Tuesday of February, third Tuesday of May, and the second Tuesday of September; the May term shall be held without a grand jury and with but one traverse jury, unless a justice of said court shall otherwise specially order, in which case the clerk shall send venires for the requisite number of traverse jurors, and shall summon the grand jury of the preceding term, as the terms of said order may require. All recognizances from municipal courts and trial justices in which parties are held to await the action of the grand jury, made returnable to said May term, shall, when no grand jury is in attendance, be continued to and have day in the next term of the court held in said county.

‘Hancock: At Ellsworth on the second Tuesday of May and second Tuesday of October.

‘Kennebec: At Augusta on the fourth Tuesday of March and second Tuesday of October for civil business.

‘Knox: At Rockland, on the second Tuesday of January,

2 first Tuesday of April, and the second Tuesday of Sep-
3 tember.

‘Lincoln: At Wiscasset on the first Tuesday of May and
2 fourth Tuesday of October.

‘Oxford: At Paris, on the second Tuesdays of March and
2 October, and at Rumford Falls, in the town of Rumford,
3 on the second Tuesday of May. The May term shall be
4 held without a grand jury unless specially ordered by any
5 judge of said court. All recognizances and other criminal
6 processes made returnable to and to have day in said May
7 term, when no criminal business is transacted, shall be con-
8 tinued to and have day in the next term of said court held
9 in said county.

‘Penobscot: At Bangor on the first Tuesday of April and
2 October for civil business only.

‘Piscataquis: At Dover on the second Tuesdays of March
2 and September.

‘Sagadahoc: At Bath on the fourth Tuesday of January,
2 and the second Tuesdays of May and October.

‘Somerset: At Skowhegan on the second Tuesday of Janu-
2 ary, first Tuesday of April, and second Tuesday of Sep-
3 tember.

‘Waldo: At Belfast on the first Tuesday of January, third
2 Tuesday of April, and second Tuesday of September.

‘Washington: At Machias, on the first Tuesday of Janu-
2 ary and the second Tuesday of October, and at Calais on
3 the first Tuesday of May.

‘York: At Saco, on the first Tuesday of January, and at
2 Alfred on the first Tuesday of May and the second Tuesday
3 of September.’

Sect. 2. Section forty-three of chapter eighty-two is here-
2 by amended so as to read as follows:

‘For the purposes of the law court, the state shall con-
2 stitute one district. The sessions of the court as a law
3 court shall be holden at Augusta on the first Tuesday of
4 December; at Portland on the first Tuesday of March; at
5 Bangor on the first Tuesday of June; and at Portland on
6 the fourth Tuesday of June in each year. Meetings of the
7 justices shall also be held at such other times and places
8 as the chief justice shall appoint for the consideration and
9 determination of all cases and questions before submitted
10 and undetermined. Such meetings shall be held at least
11 twice in each year.’