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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 306

S. P. 526

In Senate, Mar. 29, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carter of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Twenty of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninetynine, Establishing the Livermore Falls Municipal Court, as Amended by Chapter Thirty-four of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

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

Private and special laws, eighteen hundred ninety-nine,

- 2 chapter one hundred twenty, section two; relating to juris-
- 3 diction of Livermore Falls municipal court, as amended by
- 4 chapter thirty-four of the private and special laws of nine-
- 5 teen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended so
- 6 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Concurrent Jurisdiction with Androscoggin Su-

- 2 perior Court. Said court shall have jurisdiction as follows:
- 3 exclusive jurisdiction of all such criminal offenses and mis-
- 4 demeanors committed within said towns of Livermore, East
- 5 Livermore or Leeds as are cognizable by trial justices.

'Exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions wherein 2 the debt or damages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars, 3 and both parties, or any plaintiff, and a person summoned 4 as trustee, reside in either of the towns of Livermore. East 5 Livermore or Leeds, including prosecutions for penalties in 6 which either of said towns are interested, and actions of 7 forcible entry and detainer arising therein provided, that any 8 civil action, in which the judge is interested, but which other-9 wise would be within the exclusive jurisdiction of said court, 10 may be brought in and disposed of by the municipal court 11 of the city of Auburn or the municipal court of the city of 12 Lewiston in the same manner and with like effect as other 13 actions therein.

'Original jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court 2 for the county of Androscoggin, of the offenses committed 3 in Livermore, East Livermore and Leeds described in sec-4 tions one, six, seven, eight and ten of chapter one hundred 5 and twenty-two of the revised statutes, when the alleged 6 value of the property does not exceed fifty dollars; of the 7 offenses described in section twenty-six of chapter one hun-8 dred and twenty of the revised statutes; of the offenses 9 described in sections one and five of chapter one hundred 10 and twenty-eight of the revised statutes, when the alleged

11 value of the property fraudulently obtained, mortgaged or 12 sold, or fraudulently removed or concealed, does not exceed 13 fifty dollars, and on conviction, may punish for either of 14 said offenses by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or 15 by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six 16 months; and also of the offense described in section seven 17 of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes, and on conviction may punish therefor by fine not 19 exceeding fifty dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail 20 for not more than thirty days.

'Original jurisdiction concurrent with said superior court 2 and the municipal court for the city of Auburn and the 3 municipal court for the city of Lewiston, of all civil actions 4 in which the debt or damage demanded exceeds twenty 5 dollars, but does not exceed five hundred dollars and the 6 defendant or a party summoned as trustee resides within the 7 towns of Livermore, East Livermore or Leeds; provided, 8 however, that any action wherein the debt or damage ex-9 ceeds twenty dollars, brought in said court, shall be removed 10 by order of the judge into the superior court, on motion of II the defendant, filed at the return term, if he files therewith, 12 at the same time an affidavit that he believes he has a good de-13 fense to said action, in whole or in part, and deposits with the 14 judge the fee of the clerk of the court above for entering said 15 action therein; and when such removal has been ordered, the 16 judge shall file in said superior court, at its next term in the 17 county, an attested copy of the writ in such action, and of 18 said motion and affidavit, and pay to the clerk of said court 19 the fee for entering the same, for which services he shall be 20 entitled to the same fees allowed for the necessary copies 21 in actions carried up by appeal, to be paid to him by the 22 defendant and recovered by him with his costs, if he prevail 23 in the suit.'