

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 574

H. P. 1566 House of Representatives, March 1, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peacock of Readfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Simplify Procedure in Police or Municipal Courts.

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

Section 1. Police and municipal courts shall be held on
2 the first Monday of every month for the transaction of
3 civil business and all writs shall be made returnable at that
4 time, excepting actions of forcible entry and detainer which
5 shall be returnable on Monday of any week. When Mon-
6 day falls on a legal holiday, the following Tuesday shall
7 be accepted for the return day as though it were Monday.

Sect. 2. Writs issued from a municipal or police court
2 may be made returnable to any other municipal or police

3 court in any county but nothing in this act shall be con-
4 strued as permitting a defendant in one county to be sum-
5 moned into a municipal or police court in another county
6 unless one or more trustees of the principal defendant re-
7 side without the county of the said defendant.

Sect. 3. Municipal or police courts shall have exclusive,
2 original jurisdiction of all actions of contract, replevin, or
3 tort in the city or town in which the court is held and the
4 defendant resides where the debt or damage is less than
5 twenty dollars and concurrent jurisdiction with the superior
6 or supreme judicial court in said county where the debt or
7 damage claimed is twenty dollars and not more than five
8 hundred dollars.

Sect. 4. All writs returnable to the several municipal or
2 police courts when this act becomes effective shall be re-
3 ceived and entered upon the docket of the court as though
4 they had been made returnable originally therein and all
5 actions pending on the dockets of said court shall be treated
6 in the same manner.