

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 711**

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S. P. 703                      House of Representatives, March 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Seventy of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five, Relative to Motions to Set Aside Verdicts on Report to Law Court.

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

Section fifty-seven of chapter eighty-seven of the revised  
2 statutes as amended by chapter one hundred seventy of  
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby  
4 amended by inserting after the word "judicial" in the first  
5 line of said section as amended, the words 'or superior,' so  
6 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 57. *Motions to set aside verdicts on report to full*  
2 *court.* When a motion is made in the supreme judicial or  
3 superior court to have a verdict set aside as against law or  
4 evidence, a report of the whole evidence shall be signed by  
5 the presiding justice or authenticated by the certificate of  
6 the official court stenographer. When the motion is founded  
7 on any alleged cause not shown by the evidence presented  
8 at the trial, the testimony in support of the allegations of  
9 the motion and in rebuttal or impeachment may be taken  
10 out and a report of the same, together with that presented  
11 at the trial, shall be signed by the justice or authenticated  
12 by the certificate of the official court stenographer, and the  
13 case shall be marked "Law." When the law court is of the  
14 opinion that any such motion is frivolous or intended for  
15 delay it may award double or treble costs.'