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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relating to the Western Washington Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and thirteen of the private
2 and special laws of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-
3 one is hereby amended by striking out the whole of section
4 two thereof and inserting in place thereof the following
5 section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as
6 follows:

'Sect. 2. Said court shall exercise jurisdiction over all
2 matters and things, civil and criminal, within its jurisdic-
3 tion as hereinafter defined, as trial justices, justices of the
4 peace and justices of the peace and quorum may exercise

5 and under such similar restrictions and limitations and con-
6 current jurisdiction with trial justices in cases of forcible
7 entry and detainer; and over all such criminal offenses
8 committed within the limits of the same as are cognizable
9 by trial justices; and shall have original jurisdiction con-
10 current with the supreme judicial court of all other crimes,
11 offenses and misdemeanors committed within its said juris-
12 diction which are by the laws punishable by fine not exceed-
13 ing fifty dollars and by imprisonment not exceeding three
14 months, and where the property in question or injury done
15 is not alleged to exceed fifty dollars in value. Said court
16 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial
17 court in all personal actions where the debt or damage
18 demanded, exclusive of costs, is over twenty dollars, and
19 not over one hundred dollars and in all actions of replevin
20 under chapter one hundred and one of the revised statutes
21 when the sum demanded for the penalty forfeiture or dam-
22 age, or the value of the goods or chattels, replevined does
23 not exceed one hundred dollars; in which any person sum-
24 moned as trustee resides within the territorial jurisdiction
25 district or said court as hereinafter defined, or if a corpo-
26 ration has an established place of business in said district;
27 or, in which, in any actions not commenced by trustee
28 process, any defendant resides in said district or if no de-
29 fendant resides within the limits of this state and defendant
30 is served with process in said district, or the goods, estates
31 or effects of any defendant are found within said district

32 and are attached on the original writ; but this jurisdiction
33 shall not include proceedings under the divorce laws or
34 complaints under the mill act, so-called, nor jurisdiction
35 over actions, in which the title to real estate, according to
36 the pleadings filed in the case by either party is in question,
37 except as provided in chapter ninety-nine, sections six and
38 seven, of the revised statutes.'

Sect. 2. Section three of chapter one hundred and thir-
2 ten of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and
3 twenty-one, as amended, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof
5 the following section, so that said section as amended shall
6 read as follows:

'Sect. 3. The territorial jurisdiction of said court shall
2 be as follows: exclusive jurisdiction of all criminal offenses
3 and misdemeanors committed within the towns of Addison,
4 Beals, Beddington, Centerville, Cherryfield, Columbia, Col-
5 umbia Falls, Cutler, East Machias, Harrington, Jonesport,
6 Jonesboro, Lubec, Machias, Machiasport, Marion, Marsh-
7 field, Milbridge, Northfield, Roque Bluff, Steuben, Trescott,
8 Wesley, Whiting Whitneyville, Plantations number four-
9 teen, number eighteen and number twenty-nine, and the
10 territorial jurisdiction of said court shall comprise all of
11 said towns and plantations and townships hereinbefore
12 named, all of same being in said county of Washington;
13 any recital of the jurisdiction in the charter of any other

14 municipal court in said county to the contrary notwith-
15 standing.’

Sect. 3. Section fifteen of chapter one hundred and thir-
2 teen of private and special laws of nineteen hundred twenty-
3 one, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section
4 and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said
5 section as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 15. The judge of said court shall receive as com-
2 pensation a salary of one thousand dollars a year; and the
3 recorder shall receive a salary of one hundred dollars a
4 year, to be paid quarterly from the treasury of the county
5 of Washington. A condition precedent to the payment of
6 said salaries as aforesaid shall be the rendering by said
7 judge and recorder of a correct statement to the county
8 commissioners of said county of Washington, and the pay-
9 ment over by said judge and recorder to the county treas-
10 urer, of all fees, both civil and criminal collected by said
11 court for the preceding quarter or fractional part thereof.’