

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 139

S. P. 306

In Senate, February 6, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Fixing Trial Terms of the Circuit Court.

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

Section 1. For the trial of civil actions and persons ac-
2 cused of offenses and for the transaction of all business
3 within the jurisdiction of the circuit court, the trial terms
4 of the circuit court shall be held annually by one justice at
5 the following places and times, and the justices shall so hold
6 said terms as directed by the chief justice of the supreme
7 judicial court, that their services shall be divided to each
8 county as equally as may be.

Androscoggin: At Auburn on the first Tuesday of Jan-

2 uary, March, May, June, October and December for civil
3 and criminal business, provided that the grand jury shall
4 attend only at the January, May and October terms, unless
5 specially summoned by order of a justice of said court. All
6 recognizances for appearance to abide action by the grand
7 jury shall be for appearance at the term at which the next
8 regular session of the grand jury is held, but appeals in
9 criminal as well as civil matters and removals shall be to
10 the next regular term.

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

Cumberland: At Portland on the first Tuesday of every
2 month except July and August; but the criminal business
3 of said county shall be transacted at the terms held on the
4 first Tuesday of January, May and September, together
5 with civil business. The January, May and September
6 terms of said court may be kept open for criminal business
7 after their final adjournment for civil business for such
8 time as the presiding justice may deem expedient provided
9 that they shall be finally adjourned at least seven days be-
10 fore the convening of the next succeeding term in which
11 criminal business may be done.

Franklin: At Farmington on the first Tuesday of Feb-
2 ruary, second Tuesday of May and second Tuesday of Sep-
3 tember; the May term shall be held without a grand jury

4 and with but one traverse jury, unless a justice of said
5 court shall otherwise specially order, in which case the clerk
6 shall send venires for the requisite number of traverse
7 jurors, and shall summon the grand jury of the preceding
8 term, as the terms of said order may require. All recog-
9 nizances from municipal courts and trial justices in which
10 parties are held to await the action of the grand jury, made
11 returnable to said May term, shall, when no grand jury is
12 in attendance, be continued to and have day in the next term
13 of the court held in said county.

Hancock: At Ellsworth on the second Tuesday of April
2 and first Tuesday of November.

Kennebec: At Augusta on the first Tuesdays of Febru-
2 ary, April, June and October, and at Waterville on the first
3 Tuesday of December; but the criminal business of said
4 county shall be transacted at the terms held on the first
5 Tuesdays of February, June and October, together with
6 civil business. The presiding justice may continue any case
7 pending in said court without costs, when in his judgment
8 justice may require it, in order to give the parties in interest
9 opportunity to try any such case in either Waterville or
10 Augusta in said county.

Knox: At Rockland, on the second Tuesday of January,
2 first Tuesday of June, and first Tuesday of October.

Lincoln: At Wiscasset, on the first Tuesday of May and
2 first Tuesday of November.

Oxford: At Paris, on the second Tuesday of February

2 and on the first Tuesday of November, and at Rumford on
3 the second Tuesday of May.

Penobscot: At Bangor, on the first Tuesdays of February,
2 April, June, September, November and December, and the
3 criminal business of said county shall be transacted at the
4 terms held on the first Tuesdays of February, June and
5 September, together with civil business.

Piscataquis: At Dover-Foxcroft, on the second Tuesdays
2 of March and September.

Sagadahoc: At Bath on the second Tuesday of January,
2 second Tuesday of April, and third Tuesday of October.

Somerset: At Skowhegan, on the first Tuesdays of Feb-
2 ruary, May and September.

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

Washington: At Machias, on the second Tuesdays of
2 January and October, and at Calais on the first Tuesday of
3 June.

York: At Saco, on the first Tuesday of January, and at
2 Alfred on the first Tuesdays of May and October.

Sect. 2. Two or more simultaneous sessions of the circuit
2 court may be held in the same county, whenever the chief
3 justice of the supreme judicial court determines that public
4 convenience so requires; and the business may be so divided
5 as to secure its speedy and convenient disposal.

Sect. 3. Section fifty-one of chapter eighty-two of the
2 revised statutes is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

Terms of Circuit Court in Respective Counties.
Figure Indicates Week of the Month.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Androscoggin	1		1		1	1		1		1	6
Aroostook		c1		1			c2		1		4
Cumberland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Franklin		1			2		2				3
Hancock				2					1		2
Kennebec		1		1		1		1	w1		5
Knox	2					1		1			3
Lincoln					1				1		2
Oxford		2			r2				1		3
Penobscot		1		1		1	1		1	1	6
Piscataquis			2				2				2
Sagadahoc	2			2				3			3
Somerset		1			1		1				3
Waldo	1			2			2				3
Washington	2					x1		2			3
York	1				a1			1			3
Totals for month	7	7	3	7	7	6	7	7	6	4	61

c—Caribou.
w—Waterville.
r—Rumford.
a—Alfred.
x—Calais.