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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 380

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Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland. Read and adopted. 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

SENATE AMENDMENT A

Amend Senate Paper No. 667, Senate Document No. 329,
2 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting
3 in place thereof the following:

‘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 superior court, the trial terms
4 of the superior court shall be held annually by one justice
5 at the following places and times, and the justices shall so
6 hold said terms as directed by the chief justice of the su-
7 preme judicial court, that their services shall be divided
8 to each county as equally as may be.

Androscoggin: At Auburn on the first Tuesday of January, March, April, June, October and December for civil and criminal business, provided that the grand jury shall attend only at the January, June and October terms, unless specially summoned by order of a justice of said court. All recognizances for appearance to abide action by the grand jury shall be for appearance at the term at which the next regular session of the grand jury is held, but appeals in criminal as well as civil matters and removals shall be to the next regular term.

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

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

Franklin: At Farmington on the first Tuesday of February, 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
13 term of the court held in said county.

Hancock: At Ellsworth on the second Tuesdays of April,
2 September and December.

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 in-
9 terest opportunity to try any such case in either Waterville
10 or Augusta in said county.

Knox: At Rockland on the first Tuesdays of February,
2 May and November.

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

Oxford: At Paris on the second Tuesday of February and
2 on the first Tuesday of November, and at Rumford on the
3 second Tuesday of May.

Penobscot: At Bangor, on the first Tuesdays of January,
2 April, June, September and November and the criminal
3 business of said county shall be transacted at the terms held
4 on the first Tuesdays of January, June and September, to-
5 gether with civil business and the criminal business of said
6 county may be transacted at the April term together with
7 civil business provided that the grand jury shall not attend
8 at the April term unless specially summoned by order of
9 a justice of said court.

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

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

Somerset: At Skowhegan on the second Tuesday of Jan-
2 uary, the first Tuesday of May and the second Tuesday of
3 September.

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

Washington: At Machias, on the first Tuesday of Feb-
2 ruary and the second Tuesday of October, and at Calais
3 on the first Tuesday of June.

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

Sect. 2. Two or more simultaneous sessions of the su-

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

Sect. 3. Venires for grand jurors to serve at the several
2 terms of the superior court shall be issued annually by each
3 clerk for his respective county forty days at least before
4 the first criminal term to be held in said county on or after
5 the first day of September, and the grand jurors shall serve
6 during the year at each term in their respective counties at
7 which criminal business may be transacted unless herein
8 otherwise provided.

Sect. 4. Section fifty-one of chapter eighty-two of the
2 revised statutes is hereby repealed.'