

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 952

House of Representatives, February 11, 1943.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Bangs of Brunswick by request.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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### AN ACT Relating to Powers of Constables.

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

**R. S., c. 94, § 56, amended.** Section 56 of chapter 94 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 56. Constables may serve precepts; bond; penalty for acting before giving bond.** A constable may serve, execute, and return, upon any person in his town, or in an adjoining plantation, any writ of forcible entry and detainer, or any precept in a personal action, ~~when the damage claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars~~, including those in which a town, plantation, parish, religious society, or school district, of which he is a member, is a party or interested ; but before he serves any process, he shall give bond to the inhabitants of his town in the sum of \$500, with 2 sureties, approved by the municipal officers thereof, who shall indorse their approval on said bond in their own hands, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, as to all processes by him served or executed ; and for every process that he serves before giving such bond, he forfeits not less than \$20, nor more than \$50, to the prosecutor.’