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H. P. 1200                      House of Representatives, February 19, 1943.  
Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Leidy of Fort Kent.

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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 Terms of the Northern Municipal Court at Fort Kent  
for the Trial of Actions of Forcible Entry and Detainer.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1911, c. 178, § 11, amended.** Section 11 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1911 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 11. Terms of court in Van Buren and Fort Kent; civil actions, when entered.** The terms of said court for the transaction of civil business shall be held as follows, to wit: In the town of Van Buren on the 2nd Tuesday of the month of January, March, May, July, September and November, and in the town of Fort Kent on the 2nd Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and said court may adjourn from time to time, **provided, however, that said court shall be held on every Monday of each month, except the month of August, for the entry and trial of actions of forcible entry and detainer, which shall be in order for trial at the return term thereof and judgment in such actions may be entered on the day when the same are defaulted, or heard and determined.** All civil actions in said court shall be entered on the 1st day of the term and not afterward, except

by special permission; and they shall be in order for trial, except actions of forcible entry and detainer and at the next regular monthly term after the entry if not otherwise disposed of. When a defendant legally summoned fails to enter his appearance by himself or his attorney before 12 o'clock, noon, on the 1st day of the return term, he shall be defaulted; but if he afterward appear during said term the court may for sufficient cause permit the default to be taken off. Judgment in such actions may be entered on the day when the same are defaulted, or heard and determined; and also, that for the cognizance of criminal offenses, said court shall be considered in constant session. Pleadings shall be the same as in the supreme judicial court, and all provisions of law relative to the practice and proceedings in civil actions, in the supreme judicial court, are hereby made applicable and extended to this court, except so far as they are modified by the provisions of this act.'