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Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Setting Aside of Verdict by Presiding Justice.

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

R. S., c. 100, § 60, repealed and replaced. Section 60 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'Sec. 60. Verdict may be set aside by presiding justice. Any justice of the superior court may set aside a verdict and grant a new trial in a civil case tried before him when in his opinion the evidence demands it. But such verdict shall not be set aside by a single justice when 2 verdicts have been rendered against the applicant.

A motion to so set aside a verdict must be filed at the same term at which such verdict is rendered and shall be heard by the presiding justice either in term time or in vacation at his discretion; if such motion is heard in term time the presiding justice may render his decision in vacation.'