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Legislative Document

No. 33

S. P. 57

In Senate, January 18, 1949.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Ward of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Privilege of Newspaper and Press Association Employees from Disclosing News Sources.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 36, additional. Chapter 117 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 36, to read as follows:

'Sec. 36. Privilege of newspaper and press association employees. No person engaged on, connected with or employed by any newspaper or press association for the purpose of gathering, procuring, compiling, editing or publishing news shall be compelled to disclose in any legal proceeding, trial or prosecution in any court of this state, or before any official thereof, whether such court be a court of record or not of record, or before any grand jury or traverse jury of any court or before any medical examiner, or before the presiding officer of any tribunal or before any committee of the legislature or any commission created thereby, or before any state, county or municipal inquisitional body, department or commission, or elsewhere, the source of any information procured or obtained by him and published in the newspaper or disseminated by the press association on which he is engaged, employed or with which he is connected.'