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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Fay of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications for Admission to Practice Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 93, § 2, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Any such applicant, when making application for such certificate of good moral character and of fitness to practice law, shall pay to the board a fee of ~~\$50~~ \$100, all or any part of which may be used by said board to defray the expense of investigation of such applicant.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 93, § 4, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 4 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘When an applicant shall have satisfied said board that all the foregoing requirements have been fulfilled, said applicant shall pay a fee to be fixed by said board of not more than ~~\$20~~ \$35 and shall then be required to submit to a written examination which shall be prepared by said board, also an oral examination by said board, if deemed necessary, and shall be required to answer correctly a minimum of 70% of the questions asked to entitle said applicant to the certificate of qualification mentioned in section 1.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 93, § 5, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 5 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Any applicant failing to pass the first examination may again apply after 6 months by showing to the board that he has diligently pursued the study of the law 6 months prior to the examination; ~~if such second application is within a year after his first examination, he shall not be required to pay an extra fee for the second examination~~ and shall pay the same fee for each re-examination as is at that time payable by an original applicant.’

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 93, § 5, amended. The 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 5 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Any applicant who fails in 2 examinations ~~shall pay a fee for each succeeding examination, and~~ shall not be allowed to take any examination within 11 months after his last previous failure.’