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S. P. 217

In Senate, February 9, 1955

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lessard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Peremptory Challenges in Criminal Cases.

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

R. S., c. 148, § 15, amended. Section 15 of chapter 148 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 15. Facts tried, challenges allowed, as in civil cases. Issues of fact joined on indictments shall be tried by a jury drawn and returned in the same manner, and challenges shall be allowed to the prosecuting officer and the accused, as in civil cases, **except that, in cases of felonies not punishable by imprisonment for life, 8 peremptory challenges shall be allowed each, to the prosecuting officer and the accused ;** but no member of a grand jury finding an indictment shall sit on the trial thereof, if challenged therefor by the accused.'