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CHESTER T. WINSLOW. Secretary Presented by Senator Weeks of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Motion for a Directed Verdict in Jury Trials of Civil Actions.

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

R. S., c. 113, § 50-A, additional. Chapter 113 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 50-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 50-A. Motion for directed verdict in jury trials. In jury trials of civil actions, a motion for a directed verdict shall be addressed to the presiding justice at the close of all the testimony of the parties thereto, but he shall not rule upon such motion until after verdict has been rendered by the jury. The party aggrieved by the ruling of such justice on said motion may file with him, as prescribed in section 14 of chapter 106, a bill of exceptions which shall be certified by such justice to the law court and considered and decided by the justices of said court and should said court sustain the exceptions judgment shall be rendered on the verdict.'