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No. 552

S. P. 213

In Senate, February 10, 1959.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weeks of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Witnesses' Privilege in Gambling and Lottery Cases.

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

R. S., c. 139, § 20-A, additional. Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 20-A, to read as follows:

'Witnesses' Privilege.

Sec. 20-A. Witnesses' privilege. No person shall be excused from giving evidence upon a prosecution for any of the offenses specified in sections 1 to 20, upon the ground that the evidence might tend to convict him of a crime; but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may so testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, and no testimony so given or produced shall be received against him upon any criminal investigation or proceeding.

This section shall apply only upon the order of the presiding justice upon a written request by the county attorney.

This section does not forbid such evidence being proved against the person testifying upon any charge of perjury committed in such testimony.'