

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

### SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

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1837.

**Chapter 271.**

AN ACT directing the manner of disposing of petitions to the Legislature in certain cases.

WHEREAS, much delay of the public business of the Legislature is often experienced, by the consideration of petitions of a private nature, which are presented at a late day of the session. Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That* all petitions of a private nature, which shall hereafter be presented to either branch of the Legislature of this State, after the thirtieth day of its session, shall be referred the next succeeding session thereof. *Provided, however,* that it shall be, at all times lawful for either branch of the Legislature to give petitioners leave to withdraw their petitions.

Petitions to the Legislature of a private nature presented after the 30th day of its session to be referred.

Proviso.

[Approved by the Governor March 22, 1837.]

**Chapter 272.**

AN ACT authorizing Attornies in the Court of Common Pleas to practice law in the Supreme Judicial Court in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled;* That all persons who have been, or may hereafter be admitted to practice law in the Court of Common Pleas, holding a regular standing at the Bar of said Court, are hereby authorized to practice law in the Supreme Judicial Court in the management of all cases wherein the said Supreme Judicial Court may have concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas, but not in the arguing of questions of law in said Supreme Judicial Court until they are admitted so to do, subject to the same regulations and duties as heretofore.

Persons admitted to practice law in C. C. Pleas may practice in S. J. Court in certain cases.

Acts and parts of  
Acts inconsistent  
herewith repeal-  
ed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

[*Approved by the Governor March 22, 1837.*]

### Chapter 273.

AN ACT to secure to Mechanics and others, payment for their labor and materials expended in erecting and repairing houses and other buildings, with their appurtenances.

Mechanics who may erect, or repair a building under a written contract to have a lien for their labor and materials for ninety days on the said building and land.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That when any contract or agreement shall be hereafter made, in writing, for the erecting, repairing or altering any house or other building or their appurtenances; or for furnishing labor or materials for the purposes aforesaid, the person or persons who shall in pursuance of such contract or agreement, have furnished work, labor or materials for such purpose, shall have a lien to secure the payment of the same upon such house or building, and the lot of land on which the same stands, and upon the right of redeeming the same, when it shall have been conveyed in mortgage—and the lien hereby created shall continue and be in force for the space of ninety days from the time when payment shall become due for the work, labor or materials furnished as aforesaid.

Lien to be secured by attachment &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the person or persons, furnishing such labor or materials may secure their lien aforesaid, by an attachment of said house, building, land and the right of redeeming the same, within said time of ninety days, and said attachment shall have precedence of all other attachments, where no such lien exists.