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Chapter 125.

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AN ACT additional to chapter ninety seven of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The district court heretofore established, is hereby continued, and the state is divided into three districts, which shall be denominated the western, the middle and the eastern districts. State divided into three districts for sessions of D. court.

SECT. 2. The western district shall be composed of the counties of York, Cumberland, Oxford and Franklin. Western district.

SECT. 3. The middle district shall be composed of the counties of Lincoln, Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo. Middle district.

SECT. 4. The eastern district shall be composed of the counties of Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock, Washington and Aroostook. Eastern district.

SECT. 5. There shall continue to be one justice of the district court in and for the said western district ; and one other justice of said court, in and for the said middle district ; and one other justice of said court, in and for the said eastern district ; and the justices of said court now in office, shall continue to hold their said offices, according to the tenor of their respective commissions, subject to the provisions of the constitution ; and when a vacancy shall occur in the office of either of said justices, it shall be the duty of the governor, with advice of the council, to appoint some person, learned in the law, to supply the said vacancy, who shall be commissioned, qualified and sworn, in the manner required by the constitution, to perform the duties appertaining to said office, in the counties composing their respective districts. One justice for each district.
Tenor of office.
Vacancies.

SECT. 6. Whenever the justice of either district shall be interested or otherwise disqualified to preside in the trial of any cause pending in any court held by himself, the same shall be transferred to the supreme judicial court, next to be held in the county in which the action is pending, if any term of the supreme judicial court shall be held therein, by law ; and if not, then the cause shall be transferred to the court in that county, in the district, in which cases of appeal from the said first named county are by law heard and determined. Disposition of the trial of any cause in which a justice is disqualified to preside.

SECT. 7. The district court shall be held annually, in the several counties in the state, at the places and times hereinafter mentioned, that is to say : at Alfred, for the county of York, on the second Monday of February, the last Monday of May and the third Monday of October. At Portland, for the county of Cumberland, on the first Tuesday of March, the third Tuesday of June and the first Tuesday of October. At Wiscasset, for the county Times of holding annual sessions of the district court in the several counties in the state.

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of Lincoln, on the fourth Tuesday of February; at Topsbam, the fourth Tuesday of June; and the fourth Tuesday of October, at Warren. At Augusta, for the county of Kennebec, on the first Tuesday of April, the first Tuesday of August and the first Tuesday of December. At Norridgewock, for the county of Somerset, on the third Tuesday of March, the third Tuesday of July and the third Tuesday of November. At Ellsworth, for the county of Hancock, on the second Tuesday of April and the fourth Tuesday of October. At Machias, for the county of Washington, on the last Tuesday of February and the third Tuesday of September. At Paris, for the county of Oxford, on Monday preceding the second Tuesday of June, and on Monday preceding the first Tuesday of November. At Bangor, for the county of Penobscot, on the first Tuesday of January, the first Tuesday of October and the fourth Tuesday of May. At Belfast, for the county of Waldo, on the second Tuesday of February and the fourth Tuesday of August. At Farmington, for the county of Franklin, on the last Mondays of March and September. At Dover, for the county of Piscataquis, on the first Tuesday of May and the second Tuesday of November. At Houlton, for the county of Aroostook, on the second Tuesday of February and the first Tuesday of September.

All matters cognizable before said court, to be acted upon at the terms before specified.

SECT. 8. All matters and things which may be pending in, or returnable to said courts, shall be returned to, have day in, and be acted upon at the terms of said courts to be holden in pursuance of this act.

In force April 1, 1844.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force on the first day of April next, and all acts and parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]

Chapter 126.

AN ACT for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives, in Georges' river and tributary streams.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Fish wardens to be chosen.

SECT. 1. The towns of Thomaston, St. George and Cushing, shall, at their meeting for the choice of town officers in the months of March or April, annually, choose in each town by written ballot one person, and the town of Warren, shall in the same manner, choose two persons, to be called fish wardens; and in case of