

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1849.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,  
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**Augusta:**  
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1849.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1849.

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**Chapter 149.**

An act to amend the one hundred and fortieth chapter of the revised statutes.

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

Chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes is hereby so amended that any judge of a district court shall have the same power to issue writs of habeas corpus, and to hear and determine upon the same, that is now conferred by the provisions of said chapter upon a judge of the supreme court. But nothing in this act contained shall authorize any justice of the district court to interfere to relieve any person committed or in custody by order of any justice of the supreme judicial court, nor shall the district court exercise the power hereby granted, when the supreme judicial court is in session in the county where the exercise of such power is prayed for, or when any justice of said supreme court is known to be within said county. And this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Power of judge of district court to issue writs of habeas corpus.

[Approved August 15, 1849.]

**Chapter 150.**

An act to promote the sale and settlement of the public domain.

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

SECT. 1. That whenever any person shall hereafter purchase a lot of wild land of the state not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, for the purpose of settling thereon, and shall comply with the conditions of the purchase, such person shall hold the same, with the improvements thereon, exempt from attachment on mesne process and execution during the time such purchaser shall remain in the actual possession and improvement thereof; and at the decease of such person, the same shall descend to the children of the deceased, notwithstanding other property sufficient to pay the debts of such person may not have been left: *provided, however,* the value of property thus exempted shall not exceed one thousand dollars, to be set out to the owner from such portion of the premises as the owner may direct, in the same manner as levies are made upon real estate, and by the same appraisers that may at any time be appointed to set out the excess to any judgment creditor.

Settling lots purchased of the state, not exceeding 160 acres, exempt from attachment.

Not to exceed in value \$1,000.

How appraised.