

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

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CHAP. 56.**Chapter 56.**

An act to amend an act concerning the supreme judicial court and its jurisdiction, approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

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

SECT. 1. Section twenty of chapter two hundred and forty-six of the public laws, enacted in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, be amended, by substituting the word "one" for the word "three," so that said section as amended shall read :

Capital trials  
may be had  
before one  
justice.

SECT. 20. When a capital trial is to be had in any county, it shall not be necessary that more than one justice shall be present; to whose rulings or decisions, in matter of law, exceptions may be taken.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 8, 1854.]

**Chapter 57.**

An act to amend "An act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation."

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

Notices on peti-  
tions for special  
legislation.

SECT. 1. The provisions of the first section of the act, entitled "An act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation," approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, shall be held to apply only to those cases in which the rights of corporations or individuals other than those for whom legislation is proposed shall be adversely affected.

SECT. 2. Said act is hereby further amended, by striking out the second section thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 8, 1854.]