

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

Chapter 68.

CHAP. 68.

An act to provide for the commutation of the sentence of certain persons.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever any person has been or may be sentenced to confinement in the state prison, the governor with the advice of the council, may, if he shall deem it consistent with the public interest and the welfare of the convict, commute said sentence to confinement in any county jail, there to be supported at the charge of the state, at an expense not exceeding the price paid for the support of other prisoners in said jail.

Sentence to state prison may be commuted to imprisonment in jail.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, and shall continue and be in force for the term of four years, and no longer.

Act to continue in force four years.

[Approved March 22, 1859.]

Chapter 69.

An act relating to the admission of attorneys at law to practice.

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

SECT. 1. The supreme judicial court or any justice thereof shall appoint annually in each county, an examining committee of three or more persons, learned in the law, whose duty it shall be to examine thoroughly, touching his qualifications as a lawyer, any citizen of this state, of the age of twenty-one years, who shall apply to be admitted to practice as an attorney at law in the judicial courts of this state; and if said committee, or a majority thereof, upon such examination, shall be satisfied that the applicant possesses the requisite legal attainments and qualifications, and that he sustains a good moral character, they shall give him a certificate to that effect.

Court to appoint examining committee in each county annually, their duty.

SECT. 2. The twenty-first section of the seventy-ninth chapter of the revised statutes is hereby repealed; and that part of the twenty-second section of the same chapter preceding the oath therein set forth, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "No person shall be thus admitted to practice until he submits himself to such examination, and produces to the court such certificate from said examining committee, and also pays the duty by law required, and in open court takes and subscribes the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also takes the following oath, viz: which oath shall be the same now set forth in said section."

Ch. 79, sec. 21, R. S. repealed.

Ch. 79, sec. 22, R. S. amended.

Conditions of admission to practice.