

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

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1859.

CHAP. 121.

Pending suit
not affected.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not affect any suit or process now pending.

[Approved April 4, 1859.]

Chapter 121.

An act to amend chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes, 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:

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

Attorneys,
qualifications
for admission
to practice,
proceedings.

SECT. 1. The twenty-first section of chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: "Any citizen of this state of good moral character, and possessing the requisite legal qualifications, on application to the supreme judicial court, shall be admitted to practice as an attorney in the judicial courts of this state, and said court 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 applicant to be admitted thus to practice, and if said committee, or a majority thereof, shall be satisfied, that the applicant possesses the requisite legal qualifications, and sustains a good moral character, they shall give him a certificate to that effect."

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

Conditions of
admission.

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

Ch. 79, sec. 23,
R. S. amended.

SECT. 3. The twenty-third section of said chapter shall be amended, by striking out the words, "or by any citizen of good moral character who produces in court a letter of attorney for that purpose."

[Approved April 4, 1859.]