

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE.

1862.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1862.

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An act relating to equity proceedings.

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

Masters in  
chancery  
appointed.

Oath and term  
of office.

Duties.

Fees.

S. J. C. to make  
rules for.

Proceedings.

SECT. 1. The supreme judicial court, acting by a majority thereof, shall appoint masters in chancery, to a number not exceeding five in any county. They shall be sworn and shall hold their offices for the term of five years unless sooner removed by the court.

SECT. 2. They shall, under the direction of the supreme judicial court, perform the duties pertaining to said office according to the practice in equity, and shall be allowed therefor such fees as the court shall determine. Said court is authorized to make all necessary rules relating to proceedings before masters in chancery.

SECT. 3. No proceedings shall hereafter be had before any master in chancery, unless appointed under the provisions of this act, and the case thereafter committed to him. The court, however, may appoint any other person to act as master in any case where agreed upon by the parties.

[Approved March 19, 1862.]