

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1873.

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party may testify to any facts legally admissible upon the general rules of evidence, happening before the death of such person; and when such person so testifies, the adverse party shall neither be excluded nor excused from testifying in reference to such facts, and any such representative party or heir of a deceased party may testify to any fact legally admissible upon general rules of evidence, happening after the decease of the testator, intestate or ancestor; and in reference to such matters the adverse party may testify. This act shall not effect pending cases.'

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before the death of certain persons.

Adverse party not excluded from testifying.

Approved February 26, 1873.

Chapter 146.

An act to prevent prize fights, and fights of game animals.

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

SECT. 1. Any person who shall instigate, or in any way be instrumental in getting up, or acts as umpire or judge, or is in any way connected with or participant in any prize fight or any premeditated fight between two persons, or any fight between game birds or game cocks, or dogs or bulls, or between dogs and rats or any other animals that shall have been premeditated by any person having custody of such animals, shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not less than ten days nor exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Participating in prize fights, penalty for.

SECT. 2. If any person competent to be a witness in civil suits shall make complaint upon oath or affirmation before any judge of any municipal or police court or trial justice that an offence within any of the specifications of the foregoing section, is about to be committed and setting forth in such complaint the grounds thereof, such magistrate may issue his warrant directed to any officer having power to serve criminal processes, reciting therein the name of the complainant and his residence and the substance of his complaint, and therein directing such officer to prevent the violation of any of the provisions of section one of this act, by arresting any person or persons whom he may find wilfully violating said provisions of section one, and in case of any such arrest the respondents shall be returned before the judge or trial justice issuing said warrant, for trial.

Complaint, warrant and proceedings.

Approved February 26, 1873.