

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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**Chapter 156.**

CHAP. 156

An act in relation to proceedings in Criminal Cases.

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

No indictment shall be quashed or adjudged bad, nor shall the proceedings in any criminal case be arrested or reversed by reason of any defect, or want of form, or irregularity in the venires for grand or traverse jurors, or in the issuing or return of the same, or in the drawing or summoning of grand or traverse jurors, unless it shall appear to the court that the respondent has been or may be injured thereby.

Indictments and proceedings not invalidated, by defect of venires for jurors.

—exceptions.

Approved February 2, 1877.

**Chapter 157.**

An act to amend section eight of chapter seventy-eight, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the adjournment of the session of the County Commissioners' Court.

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

Section eight of chapter seventy-eight, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out the word "two," in the fourth line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 8, ch. 78, R. S., amended.

SECT. 8. Two commissioners constitute a quorum ; when only one attends, he may adjourn to a convenient time and place ; when no one attends, the clerk may adjourn, as provided in section twenty of chapter seventy-seven.'

Two commissioners constitute quorum  
—how sessions may be adjourned

Approved February 2, 1877.

**Chapter 158.**

An act additional to chapter one hundred and one, of the Public Laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, relating to the equity powers of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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

SECT. 1. Chapter one hundred and one, of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, is hereby amended, by adding at the end thereof, the words

Ch. 101, public laws 1876, amended.

CHAP. 159 'and any property or interest conveyed in fraud of creditors,' so that the said specification, as amended, shall read as follows :

Equity powers of S. J. court in certain cases.

'Tenth. In suits for the re-delivery of goods or chattels taken or detained from the owner, and secreted or withheld, so that the same cannot be replevied, and in bills in equity, by a creditor or creditors, to reach and apply in payment of a debt, any property right, title or interest, legal or equitable, of a debtor or debtors residing or found within this state, which cannot be come at to be attached on writ, or taken on execution in a suit at law against such debtor or debtors, and which is not exempt by law from such attachment and seizure, and any property or interest conveyed in fraud of creditors.'

—property or interest conveyed in fraud of creditors, added.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1877.

### Chapter 159.

An act to amend section four of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to gambling.

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

Sec 4, ch. 125, R. S., amended.

Section four of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by adding to said section, the words 'and all executions, issued on judgment, in favor of the loser, or in favor of a third person, as above mentioned, shall show that the judgment was rendered against the defendant for or on account of money won at gambling, and shall order the defendant to be committed to jail for the space of three months from date of arrest, at the county's expense, unless the judgment, costs, and board, while in jail, shall sooner be paid; after which time, he may be released, on giving bond or disclosing, as is provided in case of poor debtors,' so that, when amended, said section shall read as follows :

Loser by gambling or betting, may recover of winner, money or goods lost.

'SECT. 4. Whoever, by gambling, or betting on persons gambling, loses to any person so gambling or betting, any money or goods, and pays or delivers any part thereof, may sue for and recover the same of the winner, in an action on