

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Chapter 62.

An act to regulate admission to the Bar in this State.

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

Qualifications for admission to the bar.

SECT. 1. No person who has not been a member of the bar of another state, in good standing and in active practice, for at least three years, shall be admitted to practice law in the courts of this state, unless he shall have studied for at least two years in the office of some attorney at law, or part of the time in such office, and the remainder in some law school, and shall also have passed a satisfactory examination in his legal studies.

Examination to be public before a justice of S. J. court.

SECT. 2. All examinations shall be public, and in the presence of some justice of the supreme judicial court during term time. The time for holding same in each county, not exceeding twice in each year, shall be fixed by the chief justice. The examination shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be conducted by an examining committee of the bar, in each county, to be appointed by the chief justice.

Admission of candidates.

No candidate shall be admitted whose examination or character is not satisfactory to the presiding justice, nor unless notice of the intended application is given by the clerk of the court to which application is to be made in some newspaper, for thirty days at least before such admission. All candidates must present to the examining committee, written recommendation from the members of the bar with whom they have studied, and must pay all fees now prescribed by law.

Recommendation and fees.

Penalty for any person advertising or representing himself to be an attorney, falsely.

SECT. 3. Any person not having been admitted to practice law in this state, or whose name shall have been struck from the roll of attorneys, who shall advertise as, or represent himself to be, an attorney at law, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months; and no person whose name shall have been struck from the roll of attorneys for misconduct shall be allowed to plead or manage causes in court under a power of attorney for any other party, or be eligible for appointment as a trial justice, justice of the peace, or justice of the peace and quorum.

Persons whose names are struck from roll of attorneys, not eligible for certain offices.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed.

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