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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1885.

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Chapter 308.

An Act relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of Municipal and Police Courts.

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

SECT. 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that the first sentence thereof, including the number of said section, shall read as follows :

Sec. 7, ch 136, R. S., amended.

'SECT. 7. Every trial justice or judge of a municipal or police court shall render, under oath, an account of all fines and forfeitures upon convictions and sentences before him, and pay them over within two months after he receives the same, to the treasurer of the town if they accrue to the town, and to the treasurer of the county if they accrue to the state or county, or any corporation, person, society or association, in whole or in part, for the use of the party entitled thereto ; and for any neglect in making such payments, he forfeits in each instance double the amount so neglected to be paid over, to be recovered by indictment for the parties entitled to such fines and forfeitures, and in default of payment, according to the sentence of the court, he shall be imprisoned in jail not exceeding six months.'

Magistrates shall pay over fines to treasurer of county or town, or others entitled to same.

—penalty.

SECT. 2. Every trial justice or judge of a municipal or police court hereafter to be appointed, before he performs any official act as such justice or judge, pertaining to any criminal process or proceeding, shall give bond to the county in such sum and with such sureties as the county commissioners of said county shall approve, conditioned that he will, during his continuance in office, faithfully perform, as the law requires, all his duties relating to the collection and payment over of all fines and forfeitures which may come into his hands by virtue of his office. Such bond shall be held by the county treasurer and enforced for the security of any and all parties entitled to such fines and forfeitures, and a suit on such bond for the benefit of one party shall not bar a suit thereon for the benefit of any other party. Every such justice or judge who shall perform any such official acts before giving such bond, forfeits not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment, but a failure to give such bond shall not render invalid such official acts.

Magistrates shall give bond for faithful performance of duties.

—by whom held and enforced

—penalty.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1885.