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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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tion four of chapter three hundred and thirteen of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 255.

An Act to amend Section four of Chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the Revised Statutes relating to the Criminal Jurisdiction of Magistrates.

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

Section four of chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "law" in the fourth line thereof the following words, namely: 'and of all attempts to commit offenses of which they now have jurisdiction by law,' so that the said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 4,
chapter 132, R.
S., amended.

'Section 4. They have jurisdiction of assaults and batteries, breaches of the peace, and violations of any statute or by-law of a town, when the offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, and of offenses and misdemeanors, jurisdiction of which is conferred by law, and of all attempts to commit offenses of which they now have jurisdiction by law; and may cause affrayers, rioters, breakers of the peace, and violators of the law, to be arrested; and they may try and punish by fine not exceeding ten dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, and may require such offenders to find sureties for keeping the peace.'

Jurisdiction
of breaches of
the peace and
violations
of law.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 256.

An Act relating to the duties and compensation of the Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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

Section 1. Sections sixty and sixty-one of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sections 60
and 61, chap-
ter 77, R. S.,
repealed.

Section 2. The reporter of decisions shall, by his personal attendance when practicable, or by the best other means in his power, prepare correct reports of all legal questions argued, reporting the cases more or less at large according to his judgment of their importance. He shall publish at least one volume yearly, and furnish the usual number of current copies to the state and to the public at a price of one dollar and seventy-five

He shall
make reports,
and furnish
copies at \$1.75
per volume.

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—size and style of volume.

Shall be copyrighted in the name of the state.

—all profits shall be paid over to the state treasurer.

After retiring, he is to publish cases argued while in office. He shall furnish advance sheets free to all judges.

Section 1, chapter 115, R. S., repealed.

Salary established.

cents per volume. The volumes shall be of the average size of volume eighty-three, Maine reports, and be equal thereto in paper, printing, binding, general finish and quantity of printed matter.

Section 3. Each volume of said reports shall be entered by the secretary of state with the librarian of congress and copyrighted in the name of the state of Maine, and the manuscript and copyright thereof shall belong to the state. All profits arising from the publication and sale of said reports and advance sheets thereof by said reporter shall be accounted for and paid over by him to the state treasurer on the first Monday in December in each year.

Section 4. After ceasing to hold office the reporter shall prepare and publish all unpublished cases argued while in office.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the reporter to furnish free of charge the judges of the supreme and superior courts with one copy each of advance sheets; he shall also be entitled to twenty-five copies, free of expense, for current exchanges with the reporters of other states, law school libraries, the attorney general, and heads of departments.

Section 6. So much of section one, chapter one hundred and fifteen of the revised statutes as relates to the reporter of decisions, is hereby repealed.

Section 7. The reporter of decisions shall receive an annual salary from the treasurer of state in quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July and October, of two thousand five hundred dollars.

Section 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chapter 257.

An Act relative to Actions for Libel.

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

Whoever willfully and maliciously states, delivers or transmits by any means whatever to the manager, editor, publisher or reporter of any newspaper, magazine, publication, periodical or serial, for publication therein, any false or libelous statement concerning any person or corporation, and thereby secures the actual publication of the same, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Punishment for securing the publication of any false or libelous statement.