

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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CHAP. 17

Collections or settlements shall be paid within ten days after demand.

—claimant may file a motion in writing.

—any justice of the supreme judicial court may require the attorney to appear.

—notice.

—justice may examine.

—shall render decree.

—exceptions may be taken.

—penalty.

‘Section 27. If an attorney at law receives money or any valuable thing on a claim left with him for collection or settlement, and fails to account for and pay over the same to the claimant for ten days after demand, he is guilty of a breach of duty as an attorney; and such claimant may file in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial court in the county where such attorney resides, a motion in writing, under oath, setting forth the facts; and thereupon any justice of the supreme judicial court in term time or in vacation shall issue a rule, requiring the attorney to appear on a day fixed and show cause why he should not so account and pay, and to abide the order of such justice in the premises; which shall be served by copy in hand at least five days before the return day.’

‘Section 28. If he then appears, he shall file an answer to such motion, under oath, and such justice may examine the parties and other evidence pertinent thereto. If he does not appear and answer, the facts set forth in the motion shall be taken as confessed; and in either case such justice shall render such decree as equity requires.’

‘Section 29. Either party may allege exceptions to any ruling or decree of such justice; and they shall be allowed unless deemed frivolous.’

‘Section 30. If the attorney does not perform the decree of such justice, he shall be committed for contempt until he does, or is otherwise lawfully discharged; and his name shall be struck from the roll of attorneys.’

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1903.

Chapter 17.

An Act for the protection of Railroad Signals.

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

Whoever intentionally and without right injures, destroys, or molests any signal of a railroad corporation, or any line, wire, post, lamp or other structure or mechanism used in connection with any signal on a railroad, or destroys or in any manner interferes with the proper working of any signal on a railroad, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

Railroad signals, penalty for injuring or tampering with.

Approved February 25, 1903.