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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1907.

CHAP. 41**Chapter 41.**

An Act to amend Section thirty-six of Chapter one hundred and one of the Revised Statutes, in relation to Bail Commissioners.

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

Section 36,
chapter 101,
R. S.,
amended.

Section thirty-six of chapter one hundred and one of the revised statutes of Maine is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner" in the sixth line, 'no bail commissioner aforesaid shall appear before any court or justice of the peace as attorney or advisor of any party by him bailed in any case in which he has acted as bail commissioner,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:—

Bail com-
missioner
may admit
to bail
before
commitment.

—and on
Lord's day.

—not to act
as attorney.

'Section 36. Any person under arrest on criminal process for a bailable offense, may, before commitment to jail, if he so requests, be taken by the officer having him in charge, before such commissioner, who may inquire into the case and admit him to bail. And any person arrested on the Lord's day, or on the afternoon or evening preceding, for a bailable offense, may be admitted to bail on that day by such commissioner. No bail commissioner shall appear before any court or justice of the peace as attorney or advisor of any party by him bailed in any case in which he has acted as such bail commissioner.'

Approved March 6, 1907.

Chapter 42.

An Act to prevent Desertion and non-support of Families.

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

Desertion
of wife in
destitute cir-
cumstances.

—desertion
of children.

—neglect
to support.

Section 1. Any person who shall without lawful excuse desert his wife when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or any person who being able by means of his property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his wife, shall wilfully neglect or refuse to provide such support and maintenance when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or any person who shall without lawful excuse desert his or her minor child or children under the age of sixteen years, when such child or children are in such circumstances, or who being able by means of his or her property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his or her minor child or children under said age, shall wilfully neglect or refuse to provide such support and maintenance when such child or children are in destitute or necessitous circumstances, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on