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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
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OF THE
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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1907.

Chapter 146.

An Act to amend Section twelve, Chapter one hundred and thirty-five, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the challenge of Jurors in certain criminal cases.

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

Section 1. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the tenth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'ten,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 12,
chapter 135,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 12. When a person indicted for an offense punishable by imprisonment for life, is put upon his trial, the clerk under the direction of the court, shall place the names of all the traverse jurors summoned and in attendance, in a box, upon separate tickets, and the names, after being mixed, shall be drawn from the box by the clerk one at a time, for the purpose of constituting a jury of trial. All peremptory challenges, except as herein provided, and all other challenges and objections to the juror drawn, shall be made and determined, and the juror sworn or set aside, before another name is drawn, and so on until the panel is completed. The state shall not challenge more than ten jurors peremptorily, and the person indicted shall not challenge peremptorily more than twenty of the jurors while the panel is being formed; but he may, before the trial commences, challenge peremptorily, two of the jurors from the panel. The supreme judicial court may, by general rules, prescribe the mode of exercising the right of challenge from the panel in all criminal cases.'

Jury of
trial, how
drawn.

—challenges

—number of
jurors who
may be
challenged.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1907.