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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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**Sec. 6. Water storage limited to log-driving purposes; power purposes prohibited.** Said company is authorized to impound and restrain the natural flow of said waters only when and in so far as is necessary for log-driving purposes, and as limited by this act. No dam authorized by this act shall be used for power purposes.

**Sec. 7. Property may be taken over by state; assessment of value.** All the property, rights and franchises within the state of Maine acquired, erected, owned, held or controlled by the said company, or its successors or assigns, at any time after this act shall take effect, under and by virtue of the terms thereof, shall be subject to be taken over by, and become the property of the state of Maine, whenever said state shall determine by appropriate legislation that the public interest require the same to be done. Upon the taking effect of such legislation, the ownership of said property, rights and franchises shall immediately be transferred to, and vest in, said state of Maine, and said state shall pay to said company the fair value of all the same, excepting, however, such franchises and rights as are conferred upon said company under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, which said franchises and rights shall be wholly excluded in the determination of the amount to be paid to said company by said state of Maine.

The fair value of the property, rights and franchises so taken by the state of Maine, subject to the exceptions hereinbefore mentioned, shall be determined by agreement between said company and such officers and agents of said state as shall be thereunto authorized to act in its behalf by the act which authorizes the taking of said property, rights and franchises; and such agreement failing within six months after said act takes effect, then by such fair and impartial tribunal and under such provisions as to the manner of procedure and for full hearing of parties and payment of damages awarded as shall be provided in said act.

Approved April 12, 1927.

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## Chapter 117.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Twenty of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-nine, Establishing the Livermore Falls Municipal Court, as Amended by Chapter Thirty-four of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

P. & S. L., 1899, c. 120, sec. 2; as amended; relating to jurisdiction of Livermore Falls municipal court, further amended. Chapter one hundred and twenty of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, section two, relating to jurisdiction of Livermore Falls municipal

court, as amended by chapter thirty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Civil jurisdiction increased to \$500.** Said court shall have jurisdiction as follows: exclusive jurisdiction of all such criminal offenses and misdemeanors committed within said towns of Livermore, East Livermore or Leeds as are cognizable by trial justices.

Exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions wherein the debt or damages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars, and both parties, or any plaintiff, and a person summoned as trustee, reside in either of the towns of Livermore, East Livermore or Leeds, including prosecutions for penalties in which either of said towns are interested, and actions of forcible entry and detainer arising therein provided, that any civil action, in which the judge is interested, but which otherwise would be within the exclusive jurisdiction of said court, may be brought in and disposed of by the municipal court of the city of Auburn or the municipal court of the city of Lewiston in the same manner and with like effect as other actions therein.

Original jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court for the county of Androscoggin, of the offenses committed in Livermore, East Livermore and Leeds described in sections one, six, seven, eight and ten of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the revised statutes, when the alleged value of the property does not exceed fifty dollars; of the offenses described in section twenty-six of chapter one hundred and twenty of the revised statutes; of the offenses described in sections one and five of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the revised statutes, when the alleged value of the property fraudulently obtained, mortgaged or sold, or fraudulently removed or concealed, does not exceed fifty dollars, and on conviction, may punish for either of said offenses by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months; and also of the offense described in section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes, and on conviction may punish therefor by fine not exceeding fifty dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days.

Original jurisdiction concurrent with said superior court and the municipal court for the city of Auburn and the municipal court for the city of Lewiston, of all civil actions in which the debt or damage demanded exceeds twenty dollars, but does not exceed five hundred dollars and the defendant or a party summoned as trustee resides within the towns of Livermore, East Livermore or Leeds; provided, however, that any action wherein the debt or damage exceeds twenty dollars, brought in said court,

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shall be removed by order of the judge into the superior court, on motion of the defendant, filed at the return term, if he files therewith, at the same time an affidavit that he believes he has a good defense to said action, in whole or in part, and deposits with the judge the fee of the clerk of the court above for entering said action therein; and when such removal has been ordered, the judge shall file in said superior court, at its next term in the county, an attested copy of the writ in such action, and of said motion and affidavit, and pay to the clerk of said court the fee for entering the same, for which services he shall be entitled to the same fees allowed for the necessary copies in actions carried up by appeal, to be paid to him by the defendant and recovered by him with his costs, if he prevail in the suit.'

Approved April 12, 1927.

**Chapter 118.**

An Act Relative to the Upkeep and Maintenance of the Bridge Across Sheepscot River Between Wiscasset and Edgcomb.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

P. & S. L., 1905, c. 353, sec. 2; as amended; relating to maintenance of bridge between Wiscasset and Edgcomb, further amended. Section two of chapter three hundred and fifty-three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and five as amended by chapter eighty-eight of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Cost of maintenance transferred to state. The state highway commission shall employ a suitable draw tender and keep said bridge in repair. The cost of maintaining said bridge shall be borne by the state of Maine from funds appropriated or provided for the maintenance of state highways.'

Approved April 13, 1927.

**Chapter 119.**

An Act to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of York County to Procure a Loan and Issue Bonds of Said County Therefor for the Purpose of Erecting Additions to the Court House.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Authorized to hire money and issue bonds to make additions to court house. The treasurer of the county of York is hereby authorized to