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and jurisdiction over all other matters, civil and criminal, in the county of Aroostook in accordance with the provisions of law which govern municipal courts in this state.

The court may administer all necessary oaths, render judgment and issue execution, punish for contempt and compel attendance as is done in the superior court. All writs and processes shall be in the name of the state and bear the teste of the judge or of the recorder acting as judge, under the seal of the court. The rules of the superior court as amended from time to time that relate to actions at law, and are not limited by the public laws regulating municipal courts or by the provisions of this act, shall be the rules of the Town of Madawaska Municipal Court.

Sec. 3. Terms. A civil term of this court shall be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall not be adjourned thereafter until at least 3 days have elapsed; provided, however, that a term shall be held every Monday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the entry and trial of actions of forcible entry and detainer, which shall be in order for trial at the return day. Writs shall be filed in court on or before noon of the 1st day of each term; and no civil action shall be entered thereafter, unless by consent of the adverse party and by leave of court, or unless the court shall allow the same upon proof that the entry was prevented by inevitable accident or for other sufficient cause. The court shall be in constant session for cognizance of criminal offenses. All pleadings shall be the same as in the superior court.

Sec. 4. Removal of actions to superior court. In any civil action in which the debt or damage demanded exceeds \$20, the defendant or his attorney may, on or before the 1st day of the 2nd term of said action, file in court a motion for the removal of said action to the superior court, and deposit with the recorder \$2, whereupon the recorder shall cause certified copies of the writ, the officer's return and the defendant's motion and all other papers in the case to be filed immediately in the superior court, and shall pay the entry fee thereof. Such actions shall then be entered on the docket of the term next following such filing, unless the superior court is then in session, in which case the action shall be entered forthwith.

If no motion for removal is filed, the municipal court shall proceed to determine said action, subject to right of appeal in either party as provided by law.

Sec. 5. County to provide court room, etc. The county commissioners shall provide a suitable place in Madawaska for the holding of the court, and all expenses thereof shall be paid from the treasury of the county of Aroostook.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 75

AN ACT Providing for the Union of the Towns of Bucksport and Verona as One Municipality.

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

Sec. 1. Towns of Bucksport and Verona united. The towns of Bucksport and Verona, in the county of Hancock, are hereby united in one municipality by the name of Bucksport, which is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this State have or may enjoy.

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Sec. 2. Liabilities, how assumed. All the liabilities of both said towns at the time this act takes effect are hereby assumed by and become the liabilities of said town of Bucksport.

Sec. 3. Property becomes property of new town. All the property, both real and personal, owned by either or both of said towns of Bucksport and Verona at the time this act shall take effect is hereby conveyed to and becomes the property of said new town of Bucksport.

Sec. 4. Taxes when paid. The collectors of taxes for both towns at the time this act shall take effect shall collect and pay over to the treasurer of the new town of Bucksport all taxes they shall have been directed to pay to the treasurers of their respective towns which shall have then been assessed and committed to said collectors for collection, not then already collected and paid over to the treasurers of their respective towns.

Sec. 5. Treasurers, duties of. The treasurers of both of said towns at the time this act shall take effect shall pay over all monies, and deliver all books, papers and documents pertaining to their respective offices, to the treasurer of the new town of Bucksport.

Sec. 6. Town clerks, duties of. The town clerks of both of said towns shall deliver to the town clerk of the new town of Bucksport all records and books belonging to their respective towns and all papers, records and documents belonging to their respective offices.

Sec. 7. Selectmen, etc., duties of. The selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor of both said towns shall deliver all books, papers and documents belonging to their several offices respectively to the selectmen of the new town of Bucksport.

Sec. 8. Effective date. This act shall take effect on the first day of March next succeeding the date when both said towns shall have severally voted to accept the provisions of this act at annual meetings legally called and held by warrants containing articles for that purpose, but the right to submit this question to said towns as aforesaid shall not extend beyond the annual meetings of said towns for the year 1961.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 76

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Alna.

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

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Taking of alewives in the town of Alna regulated. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from all the waters in the town of Alna, Lincoln county, shall be optional with the town.

The town, at its annual meeting, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the town through its selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by the said selectmen or committee; and likewise may provide for regulations, com-