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AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 159

AN ACT Empowering the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine to Prescribe Rules.

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

R. S., c. 103, § 7-A, additional. Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 7-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 7-A. Power to prescribe general rules. The Supreme Judicial Court of Maine shall have the power to prescribe, by general rules, for the trial justices and for municipal and superior courts of Maine, the forms of process, writs, pleadings and motions, and the practice and procedure in civil actions at law. Said rules shall neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant. They shall take effect 6 months after their promulgation, and thereafter all laws in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect.'

The Supreme Judicial Court of Maine may at any time write the general rules prescribed by it for cases in equity and those in actions at law so as to secure one form of civil action and procedure for both; provided, however, that in such union of rules the right of trial by jury as at common law and declared by the Constitution of the United States and amendments thereto and by the Constitution of the State of Maine and amendments thereto shall be preserved to the parties inviolate. Such united rules shall not take effect until 6 months after their promulgation and thereafter all laws and rules in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 160

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Public Assistance Recipients Between States.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Transfer of paupers and public assistance recipients between states. The Department shall have authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with corresponding agencies of other states, and to arrange with their local or county boards for the acceptance, transfer and support of persons going from one state to another and becoming public charges and to continue payments of ~~old age assistance, aid to the blind, aid to dependent children and world war~~ public assistance until eligibility to receive assistance under a similar program has been established in the other state and the first payment from the other state has been received by such recipient; ~~provided that such~~. Such reciprocal agreements shall in no way commit the State to support persons who are not, in the opinion of the Department, entitled to support under the laws of this State.'

Effective August 28, 1957