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Chapter 158

AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of Law Court on Questions of State Law Certified by Federal Courts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 57, amended. The first sentence of section 57 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The following cases only come before the court as a court of law: Cases on appeal from the Superior Court or a single Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; criminal cases in which there are motions for new trials upon evidence reported by the justice; questions of law arising on reports of cases, including, in civil cases, interlocutory orders or rulings of such importance as to require, in the opinion of the justice, review by the law court before any further proceedings in the action; bills of exceptions in criminal cases; agreed statement of facts; cases, civil or criminal, presenting a question of law; all questions arising in cases in which equitable relief is sought; motions to dissolve injunctions issued after notice and hearing or continued after a hearing; questions arising on writs of habeas corpus, mandamus and certiorari and questions of state law certified by federal courts.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, §57, amended. Section 57 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

'When it shall appear to the Supreme Court of the United States, or to any court of appeals or district court of the United States, that there are involved in any proceeding before it one or more questions of law of this State, which may be determinative of the cause, and there are no clear controlling precedents in the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, such federal court may certify any such questions of law of this State to the Supreme Judicial Court for instructions concerning such questions of state law, which certificate the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as a law court may, by written opinion, answer.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 159

AN ACT Relating to Election of Officers of Independent Churches.

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

R. S., T. 13, § 3024, amended. Section 3024 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'§ 3024. Election of officers

The resident members shall, by ballot, elect a clerk, treasurer, a business committee of not less than 3 ~~not more than 7~~ members who are voters and such other officers as they may deem necessary.'

Effective September 3, 1965