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receive the board's approval for a 6-year period subject to the right of the board to terminate its approval, on the ground of size, only if the school receives at least 5-years' notice of such termination, and subject also to the satisfactory meeting in every case of the other requirements of this section.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 206

AN ACT Increasing the Coverage and Entry Fee of Small Claims Law and Defining Certain Procedures.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 7451, amended. Section 7451 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 7451. Definitions

A "small claim" is any right of action cognizable by a court of law not involving the title to real estate in which the debt or damage claimed does not exceed ~~\$100~~ \$200.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 14, § 7453, amended. Section 7453 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 19 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence the following new sentence:

The judge shall cause notice of the hearing as set by the clerk to be given to the plaintiff by ordinary mail, addressed to the plaintiff at the address given to the clerk by the plaintiff and an entry made on the docket by the clerk indicating the date of the mailing of the notice to the plaintiff shall be sufficient showing of notice to the plaintiff.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 14, § 7453, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 7453 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The plaintiff or his authorized attorney shall at the same time pay an entry fee of ~~\$3~~ \$5, from which the clerk is authorized to expend the costs of giving notice to defendant and notice to plaintiff and the remainder to be retained by the court as costs.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 14, § 7455, amended. Section 7455 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following sentence:

Whenever the plaintiff or his authorized attorney fails to appear on the return date, the complaint shall be dismissed. The judge may continue the case when he is satisfied that the plaintiff's failure to appear is for good and sufficient reason.

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