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CHAPTER 97

PERJURY AND SUBORNATION OF PERJURY

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§ 3001. Definitions

Whoever, when required to tell the truth on oath or affirmation lawfully administered, willfully and corruptly swears or affirms falsely to a material matter, in a proceeding before any court, tribunal or officer created by law, or in relation to which an oath or affirmation is authorized by law, is guilty of perjury; and whoever procures another to commit perjury is guilty of subornation of perjury; and shall be punished in either case, if the perjury was committed in a trial of a crime punishable by imprisonment for life, by imprisonment for any term of years not less than 10, and if committed in any other case, by imprisonment for not more than 10 years.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 1.

§ 3002. Attempted subornation of perjury

Whoever willfully and corruptly endeavors to incite or procure another to commit perjury, although it is not committed, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 5 years.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 2.

§ 3003. Presumption of perjury committed before court

When a witness or party, legally sworn and examined or making affidavit in any proceeding in a court of record, testifies in such a manner as to raise a reasonable presumption that he is guilty of perjury therein, the court may immediately order him committed to prison, or take his recognizance with sureties for his appearance to answer to a charge of perjury; and may bind over any witnesses present to appear at the proper court to prove such charge, order the detention so long as necessary of any papers or documents produced and deemed necessary in the prose-

cution of such charge, and cause notice of such proceedings to be given to the state's attorney for the same county.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 3.

§ 3004. Indictment

Indictments against persons for committing perjury before any court or tribunal drawn substantially as hereinafter provided are sufficient in law.

"STATE OF MAINE.

....., ss. At the Court begun and held at, within and for said County of, on the Tuesday of, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and

The jurors for said State, upon their oath present, that A. B., of, in the County of" (addition,) "at, in the said County of, on the day of, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and, appeared as a witness in a proceeding in which C. D. and E. F. were parties, then and there being heard before a tribunal of competent jurisdiction, and committed the crime of perjury, by testifying as follows:" (here set out the matter sworn to and alleged to be false,) "which said testimony was material to the issue then and there pending in said proceeding, against the peace of said State and contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

A true bill.

....., Foreman.

....., County Attorney."

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 4.