

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 20.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT relating to grand juries.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Whenever any justice of the supreme
2 judicial court shall be satisfied, either during the ses-
3 sion of court or in vacation, that any of the persons
4 returned and acting as grand jurors, upon the grand
5 jury in any county, have been irregularly drawn or
6 for any other cause are incompetent to act legally on
7 such grand jury, he may discharge such incompetent
8 grand jurors from any further attendance. He shall
9 thereupon transmit a certificate to the clerk of court
10 for such county indicating the persons who have been

11 discharged, and directing the clerk to issue venire
12 for such number of new grand jurors as may, by such
13 justice, be deemed necessary.

SECT. 2. The clerk of court, upon the receipt of such
2 certificate, shall record the same upon the records of
3 the court; and shall issue venire for as many grand
4 jurors as such justice has ordered. Said venire shall
5 be served at least four days, before the time at which
6 the jurors thus drawn, shall be ordered to attend court.

SECT. 3. The jurors thus drawn, and notified with
2 such of the original jury, as may not have been dis-
3 charged (if any) shall serve for the remainder of the
4 year for which the grand jury was originally drawn,
5 and shall constitute the grand jury with the same pow-
6 ers and duties as if they had been drawn in the man-
7 ner now provided by law.

SECT. 4. This act takes effect when approved by
2 the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Feb. 12, 1861. }

Reported by Mr. GRANGER of Washington, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and

On motion of Mr. BROWN of Hampden, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*