

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 24.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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### AN ACT to simplify indictments for perjury.

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

SECTION 1. Indictments against persons for committing perjury before any court or tribunal drawn substantially as hereinafter provided, shall be deemed sufficient in law, viz :

5 STATE OF MAINE.

6 ———, ss. At the supreme judicial court begun  
7 and holden at ———, in and for said county of  
8 ———, on the ——— Tuesday of ———, in the  
9 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ———.  
10 The jurors for said state, upon their oath present, that  
11 A B of ———, in the county of ———, (addition,)

12 at \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_  
 13 day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 14 eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, appeared as a witness in  
 15 a proceeding in which C D and E F were parties,  
 16 then and there being heard before a tribunal of com-  
 17 petent jurisdiction, and committed the crime of per-  
 18 jury, by testifying as follows: (here set out the  
 19 matter sworn to and alleged to be false,) which said  
 20 testimony was material to the issue then and there  
 21 pending in said proceeding;—against the peace of  
 22 said state and contrary to the form of the statute in  
 23 such case made and provided.

24 \_\_\_\_\_, Foreman.

25 \_\_\_\_\_, County Attorney.

SECT. 2. All indictments against persons for com-  
 2 mitting perjury in swearing or affirming to any material  
 3 matter in any complaint or other writing in relation  
 4 to which an oath or affirmation is authorized by law,  
 5 shall be deemed sufficient in law, when drawn sub-  
 6 stantially as follows:

7 STATE OF MAINE.

8 \_\_\_\_\_, ss. At the supreme judicial court begun and  
 9 holden at \_\_\_\_\_, in and for said county of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 10 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord  
 11 one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_.

12 The jurors for said state, upon their oath present,  
13 that A B of ———, in the county of ———, (addi-  
14 tion,) at ———, in the county of ———, on the  
15 ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord one  
16 thousand eight hundred and ———, before G H,  
17 esquire, then and there having competent authority to  
18 administer oaths, and committed the crime of perjury,  
19 by falsely swearing (or affirming) to material matter  
20 in a writing signed by the said A B, and dated the  
21 ——— day of ———, A. D. 18——; against the  
22 peace of said state and and contrary to the form of  
23 the statute in such case made and provided.

24 ——— ———, Foreman.

25 ——— ———, County Attorney.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 18, 1865.

Reported by Mr. VIRGIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*