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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacDonald of Rumford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court and Changing Its Name.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 43, § 1, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 1 of chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1899 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘A municipal court is hereby established at Rumford in and for the county of Oxford, to be denominated the Rumford ~~Falls~~ Municipal Court, which shall have a seal, and shall be a court of record.’

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 43, § 15, amended.** Section 15 of chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1899 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 15. When judge is a party or interested, other courts may take cognizance.** The Norway Municipal Court, or any trial justice in the town of Rumford, may take cognizance of any action, matter or thing within their jurisdiction, wherein the judge of said Rumford ~~Falls~~ Municipal Court is a party or interested.’

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 43, § 16, repealed and replaced.** Section 16 of chapter 43 of the private and special laws of 1899 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘**Sec. 16. Moneys received by judge, how accounted for and disposed of.** Said judge shall render to the county treasurer, monthly, on or before the 3rd Tuesday thereof, a true statement in writing and sworn to by him, of all sums of

money received or which he is entitled to receive by virtue of his said office, for the preceding calendar month, and pay to said treasurer all moneys collected by him during said preceding calendar month; and shall, on the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners of said county, produce and exhibit his civil and criminal dockets to said county commissioners court for their examination, and also the original papers on file in his court, if they shall so require.'

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1903, c. 329, § 1, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 1 of chapter 329 of the private and special laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Actions pending in the Rumford ~~Falls~~ Municipal Court may be referred to one referee in the same manner as in the supreme judicial court, and on report of the referee to said municipal court, judgment may be rendered in the same manner and with like effect as in the supreme judicial court.'

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1903, c. 329, § 3, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 3 of chapter 329 of the private and special laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint a recorder of said court, who shall be an attorney at law and duly sworn, hold his office for a term of 4 years, and shall reside in the ~~town~~ towns of Rumford ~~or~~, Mexico ~~or~~ Dixfield.'

**Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1903, c. 329, § 4, amended.** Section 4 of chapter 329 of the private and special laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 4. Jurisdiction.** In addition to such jurisdiction as said court now has by law the Rumford ~~Falls~~ Municipal Court shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with the supreme judicial court, in all civil actions wherein the debt or damage demanded does not exceed \$300, in which any defendant or person summoned as trustee shall reside, or have a place of business in said county of Oxford, or, if not an inhabitant of the state, shall be commorant in the county of Oxford.'

**Sec. 7. P. & S. L., 1903, c. 329, § 7, amended** Section 7 of chapter 329 of the private and special laws of 1903 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 7. Exception to jurisdiction.** The Rumford ~~Falls~~ Municipal Court shall not have or exercise jurisdiction in any criminal matter where the offense complained of is alleged to have been committed in any town in Oxford county situated in part or in whole on the westerly side of the Grand Trunk Railroad.'

**Sec. 8. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 429, §§ 1-5, amended.** Wherever in sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of chapter 429 of the private and special laws of 1907, as amended, the words "Rumford Falls Municipal Court" appear, they are hereby amended to read 'Rumford Municipal Court.'

**Sec. 9. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 429, § 3, repealed and replaced.** Section 3 of chapter 429 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

'Sec. 3. Shall render statement of moneys received; how accounted for and disposed of. The judge and the recorder of said court shall each render to the county treasurer, monthly, on or before the 3rd Tuesday thereof, a true statement in writing and sworn to by him, of all sums of money received or which he is entitled to receive by virtue of his said office, for the preceding calendar month, and pay to said treasurer all moneys collected by him during said preceding calendar month; and shall, on the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners of said county, produce and exhibit his civil and criminal dockets to said county commissioners court for their examination, and also the original papers on file in his court, if they shall so require.'

Sec. 10. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 429, § 4, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 4 of chapter 429 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Said county commissioners shall further furnish and provide such blanks, record books, stationery ~~and~~, supplies, **office furniture, office equipment and necessary clerk hire** as may be required for the proper transaction of the civil and criminal business of said court and for use of the judge and recorder thereof in the performance of their official duties.'

Sec. 11. P. & S. L., 1911, c. 119, §§ 2 and 3, amended. Wherever in sections 2 and 3 of chapter 119 of the private and special laws of 1911 the words "Rumford Falls Municipal Court" appear, they are hereby amended to read 'Rumford Municipal Court.'