

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 862

H. P. 646 House of Representatives, February 13, 1973
Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Baker of Orrington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Impose a Fee for Waiving the Waiting Period before Marriage.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 61, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 61 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Upon application by both of the parties to an intended marriage, when both parties are residents of this State or both parties are nonresidents, or upon application of the party residing within the State when one of the parties is a resident and the other a nonresident, **and upon the payment of a fee of \$25, payable to the Probate or District Court**, a judge of probate or a judge of the District Court may, after hearing such evidence as is presented, grant a certificate stating that in his opinion it is expedient that the intended marriage be solemnized without delay.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Judges frequently waive the waiting period before marriage as a matter of course while the law recognizes a valid purpose in requiring it. This act is intended to discourage frivolous applications for waiver by imposing a fee for such waiver.