

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 82.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 48.

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Amendment "A" proposed by Mr. HALE of Portland.

Amend section one of said act, so that it shall read as follows :

3 Section two of chapter sixty of the revised statutes, is  
4 hereby amended, by inserting after the word "proceed-  
5 ings" in the eighth line, the words :

6 "The court shall grant such divorce for causes of adul-  
7 tery, impotency, extreme cruelty, utter desertion contin-  
8 ued for three consecutive years next prior to the filing  
9 of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication,  
10 cruel and abusive treatment, or on the libel of the wife,  
11 when the husband, being of sufficient ability, grossly or  
12 wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suit-  
13 able maintenance for her." Said section is further amend-  
14 ed by striking out the word "if" in the fifth line and  
15 inserting the word "provided" instead thereof, and by  
16 striking out the words "and when such divorce is granted  
17 may marry again" in the last two lines, so that said sec-  
18 tion as amended shall read as follows, viz :

19 *Sect. 2.* A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may  
20 be decreed by the supreme judicial court in the county  
21 where either party resides at the commencement of pro-

22 ceedings, when the judge deems it reasonable and proper,  
23 conducive to domestic harmony and consistent with the  
24 peace and morality of society ; *provided*, the parties were  
25 married in this state, or cohabited here after marriage ;  
26 or if the libelant resided here when the cause of divorce  
27 accrued or had resided here in good faith one year prior  
28 to the commencement of proceedings. The court shall  
29 grant such divorce for causes of adultery, impotency,  
30 extreme cruelty, utter desertion, continued for three con-  
31 secutive years next prior to the filing of the libel, gross  
32 and confirmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive  
33 treatment, or on the libel of the wife, when the husband,  
34 being of sufficient ability, grossly or wantonly and cruel-  
35 ly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for  
36 her. Either party may be a witness.

Amendment " B " proposed by Mr. MOORE of Thomaston.

Amend by striking out section four.

Amendment " C " proposed by Mr. THOMPSON of  
Brunswick.

Amend section four by striking out the words " then  
2 only," from the last line and inserting instead, the words  
3 " not afterwards, except," so that the last sentence shall  
4 be as follows :

5 The party against whom the divorce was granted shall  
6 not marry again within two years from the entry of said  
7 decree, and not afterwards, except on permission granted  
8 by the court.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 9, 1883. }

Amendments ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*