

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 7

In Senate, Jan. 8, 1913.

*On motion of Senator Hersey of Aroostook, laid on the table
for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter sixty-two of the
Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and
forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven,
relating to Divorce Proceedings.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter sixty-two of the Re-
2 vised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-
3 eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven is
4 hereby amended by striking out after the word "treatment"
5 in the eighth line of said section two as amended by said
6 chapter one hundred and forty-eight, the words "insanity.

7 when in consequence thereof the libellee has been commit-
8 ted to and confined in a state asylum for the insane for
9 fifteen consecutive years next prior to the filing of the libel
10 and is found to be incurable," and also by striking out all of
11 the words in the last paragraph of said section two as
12 amended by said chapter one hundred and forty-eight, ex-
13 cept the words "either party may be a witness," so that said
14 section two as hereby amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may
16 be decreed by the supreme judicial court in the county where
17 either party resides at the commencement of proceedings,
18 for causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter
19 desertion continued for three consecutive years next prior
20 to the filing of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intox-
21 ication from the use of intoxicating liquors, opium or other
22 drugs, cruel and abusive treatment, or on the libel of the
23 wife, where the husband being of sufficient ability or being
24 able to labor and provide for her, grossly or wantonly and
25 cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance
26 for her; provided, that the parties were married in this state
27 or cohabited here after marriage, or if the libelant resided
28 here when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided here
29 in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of
30 proceedings, or if the libellee is a resident of this state.
31 But when both parties have been guilty of adultery, or there

32 is collusion between them to procure a divorce, it shall not
33 be granted. Either party may be a witness.'

Sect. 2. This Act shall not affect divorce proceedings,
2 instituted because of insanity of the libellee, which are pend-
3 ing at the time this Act takes effect.