

# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

### **House Document**

#### **No.** 423

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

## STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relative to Pledges.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section seventy-seven of chapter ninety-six of the revised 2 statutes relative to pledges is hereby amended by striking 3 out all of said sction and inserting in lieu thereof the fol-4 lowing:

'Sect. 77. The holder of stocks, bonds or other personal 2 property in pledge for the payment of money or the per-3 formance of any other thing, may, after failure to pay or 4 perform, sell such stocks, bonds or other personal property 5 in the manner provided in the contract creating the pledge, 6 if in writing, or he may proceed as hereinafter provided.

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If the pledger is a resident of this state, the pledgee or 2 his assignee may give written notice of his intention to en-3 force payment by a sale of the pledge by serving a copy 4 of such notice upon the pledger or leaving such copy at the 5 last and usual place of abode of the pledger within the state, 6 if such residence is known to the pledgee or his assignee 7 or can be ascertained by reasonable diligence. If the pledger 8 is, at that time, not a resident of this state or cannot be 9 found by reasonable diligence, the pledgee may cause such 10 notice to be published at least once a week for three suc-II cessive weeks in one of the principal newspapers, if any, 12 in the city or town where the pledgee resides, otherwise, 13 in one of the principal newspapers published in the county. 14 or in the state paper. The notice with an affidavit of serv-15 ice or the official return of service of any officer qualified 16 to serve civil process, or a copy of the last publication, with 17 the name and date of the paper containing it, shall be re-18 corded in the clerk's office of the city or town where the 19 pledgee resides and the copy of such record is evidence 20 that the notice has been given. If the pledgee or his as-21 signee is not a resident of the state, he shall at the time 22 of recording such notice, record therewith his appointment 23 of an agent resident in the county where the notice is re-24 corded, to receive satisfaction of the pledge; and payment 25 or tender thereof may be made to him. If he does not 26 appoint such agent, the right to redeem is not forfeited.'