

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 62.

out the words "on leave" in the third line of said section, so that said section as amended shall read as follows: 'The general issue may be pleaded in all cases and a brief statement of special matter of defence filed, or a special plea or double pleas in bar may be filed. The plaintiff must join a general issue and may file a counter brief statement.'

Inconsistent
acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 12, 1869.

Chapter 62.

An act to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed to the legislatures of the several states by a resolution adopted at the last session of the fortieth congress, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Preamble.

WHEREAS, At the last session of the fortieth congress of the United States of America, held at Washington, in the District of Columbia, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, it was resolved as follows, to wit:

'Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall be valid as part of the constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XV.

Proposed
amendment.

SECT. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

SECT. 2. The congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.'

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled, as follows, viz:

Ratification.

SECT. 1. That the said proposed amendment be, and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the state of Maine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 12, 1869.