

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1834.

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 22.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 11, 1834. }**

The Joint Standing Judiciary Committee to which was referred the order revising "An Act regulating Divorces," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the accompanying Bill.

DAVID BRONSON, *Per Order.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND THIRTY-FOUR.

AN ACT additional to "An Act regulating
Divorces."

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and*
2 *House of Representatives in Legislature as-*
3 *sembled,* That the Supreme Judicial Court
4 shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of
5 divorce, and when the libelee shall be duly serv-
6 ed with process, and he or she shall not appear,
7 in person, or by attorney, his or her default shall
8 be recorded, and the Court may proceed to de-
9 cree a divorce, as they are now authorized by
10 law to do; but in case the libelee being duly
11 and legally served with process, as aforesaid,
12 shall appear in person, or by his or her attorney,
13 and shall tender an issue to the Country, the
14 same shall be joined by the libellant, and the
15 Court shall thereupon order a trial of the issue
16 thus joined by a jury at the bar of said Court.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That in
2 all cases where one party has been or shall be
3 divorced from the bonds of matrimony the
4 Court granting the same, may upon application
5 therefor, grant the other party a like divorce,
6 on such terms and conditions, as the said Court
7 in the exercise of a sound discretion may judge
8 reasonable.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That so much
2 of the second section of an act, approved Feb-
3 ruary the nineteenth, one thousand eight hun-
4 dred and twenty-one, as relates to marriage
5 where either of the parties shall have a former
6 wife or husband living at the time of such mar-
7 riage, and so much of the second section of an
8 act approved February the twenty-eighth, one
9 thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, as re-
10 lates to the person who is the guilty cause of
11 divorce, as are inconsistent with the provisions
12 of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

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ORDERED, That three hundred copies of the foregoing Report
and Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest, ASAPH R. NICHOLS, *Clerk.*