

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1836.**

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 40.

SENATE.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to abolish Imprisonment for Debt.

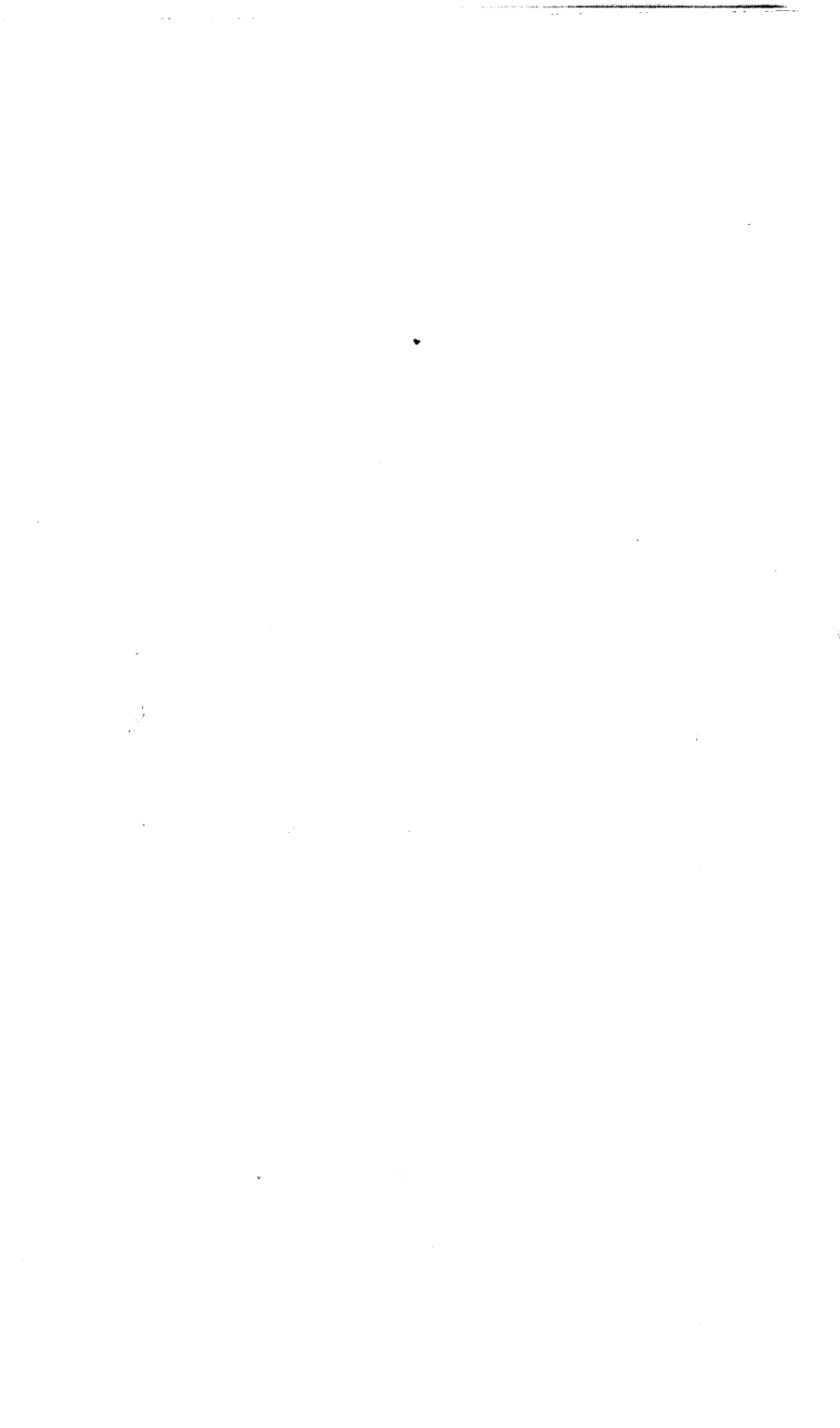
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SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and  
2 House of Representatives in Legislature as-  
3 ssembled,* That no person shall be arrested or  
4 imprisoned on any civil process issuing out of  
5 any court of law, or any execution issuing out of  
6 any court of law or equity, or on any suit or pro-  
7 ceeding instituted for the recovery of any money  
8 due upon any judgment or decree, founded upon  
9 contract, or due upon any contract, express or  
10 implied, or for the recovery of any damages for  
11 the non-performance of any contract.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 preceding section shall not extend to any person  
3 who is not a citizen of the United States and  
4 who shall not have been a resident of this State  
5 for at least one year previous to the commence-  
6 ment of a suit against him; nor to proceedings  
7 as for contempts to enforce civil remedies; nor  
8 to actions for fines or penalties, or on promise to  
9 marry, or for moneys collected by any public  
10 officer, or for any misconduct or neglect in office  
11 or in any professional employment.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this  
2 Act shall take effect from and after the fourth  
3 day of July next, and all acts and parts of acts  
4 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be  
5 and the same are hereby repealed from and after  
6 the time aforesaid.



**STATE OF MAINE.**

**IN SENATE, FEB. 25, 1836.**

**ORDERED, That 500 copies of the foregoing Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.**

**[Extract from Journal.]**

**Attest: WILLIAM TRAFTON, Sec'y.**