

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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# TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 18.

HOUSE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT allowing aliens to hold real estate.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any alien, residing  
2 in this state, to take and hold real estate, by deed,  
3 will or otherwise, and to sell, convey, assign and  
4 devise the same to his heirs, or any other persons,  
5 whether such heirs, or other persons be citizens of the  
6 United States, or not, in the same manner as native  
7 born citizens of the United States, or of this state,  
8 might do. And upon the decease of any alien, having

9 title to real estate or any interest therein, such real es-  
10 tate or interest therein, shall descend to his heirs, or  
11 follow the disposition thereof in his wife, in like manner  
12 as if he were a native born citizen. All aliens, taking  
13 and holding real estate as herein provided, shall have  
14 the same rights and remedies, to secure the enjoy-  
15 ment thereof fully and completely, as native citizens.

SEC. 2. The widow of an alien shall be entitled to  
2 dower in the lands of her husband, in the same man-  
3 ner, as if such alien had been native born.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 10, 1848.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Bill, (reported by Mr. Appleton of Alfred, from the committee on the judiciary) be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*