

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 12.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to remove the disability to marry between persons of different race.

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

SECTION 1. Section third of chapter fifty-nine of  
2 the revised statutes, in relation to marriage and its  
3 solemnization, is hereby amended by striking out the  
4 following words, viz : “ No white person shall inter-  
5 marry with a negro, indian or mulatto ; and ”

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its approval  
2 by the governor.

## AMENDMENT "A" PROPOSED BY MR. CROSBY.

Amend by inserting the following section between the first and second section :

SECT. 2. When the marriage ceremony has heretofore been solemnized between such persons by a person duly authorized to solemnize marriages, such marriage is hereby declared to be valid ; and if the husband is living at the time of the approval of this act by the governor, the laws of descent and distribution applicable to legitimate children are applicable to the children of such marriage ; but so far as relates to the laws applicable to paupers, the validity of such marriage shall be considered as commencing at the time of said approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 23, 1867.

Read once, the Joint Rule being suspended, Mr. CROSBY proposed an amendment marked "A," and on his motion the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed, together with the amendment.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*