

## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 101st LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 309, L. D. 975, Bill, "An Act Relating to Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital Statistics."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble and the emergency clause.

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, §397, repealed. Section 397 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, §§396-A & 396-B, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to be numbered 396-A and 396-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 396-A. Records of divorces and annulments. The clerk of the Superior Court in each county and the clerk of the District Court in each judicial division shall file with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics a record of each divorce judgment or annulment issued in his jurisdiction within 45 days after judgment.

Such record shall contain the names and residences of the parties and name of the person to whom judgment was issued, the date and place of the marriage, the date of and legal grounds for the judgment and the names and ages of the minor children. Forms shall be furnished by the registrar.

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The record of divorce prepared for the state registrar shall not become a part of the official record of the court.

Sec. 396-B. Index. The Registrar of Vital Statistics shall prepare and keep a cumulative alphabetical index, by the names of both parties, of all annulments and divorces reported. When requested the registrar shall cause a search to be made of his files for the record of any divorce or annulment and shall furnish a copy thereof. The fee for such search and copy shall be \$2, payable in advance.'"

Proposed by Senator FARRIS of KENNEBEC

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