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No. 975

S. P. 309

In Senate, January 31, 1963

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital
Statistics.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless passed as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is no provision in the law for reports to be made to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics of actions or proceedings for divorce and annulments in the Superior Court or District Court; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the file of divorces in the custody of the State Registrar be complete; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 25, § 397, repealed and replaced. Section 397 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 397. 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. Such record shall be filed within 15 days after the judgment is issued.

The plaintiff in each divorce action shall furnish the clerk with such personal information as the state registrar shall require on a form prescribed and furnished by the state registrar.

The clerk shall complete the form by furnishing the date and legal grounds for judgment, the number of minor children, sex of the plaintiff, and person to whom the judgment was issued.

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

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.