

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** Relating to Qualification of Witnesses.

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

**R. S., T. 16, § 2, additional.** Title 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2, to read as follows:

**§ 2. Qualification of witnesses**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every person is qualified to be a witness as to any material matter unless the judge finds that the proposed witness is incapable of expressing himself concerning the matter so as to be understood by the judge and jury either directly or through interpretation by one who can understand him, or the proposed witness is incapable of understanding the duty of a witness to tell the truth.