

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1132

S. P. 334

In Senate, March 4, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Mills of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Abolish Imprisonment for Debt in Divorce Actions.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 722, amended. The last 2 sentences of section 722 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

When the husband or father is committed to jail on execution issued upon decree of alimony, or for payment of money instead thereof, or for the support of his minor children or for support pending the divorce action, or for payment of counsel fees, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of his support and commitment and he may be discharged from imprisonment by payment of the execution and all costs and expenses of his commitment and support and he shall be entitled to relief therefrom under Title 14, chapters 503, 504 and 505. He or his wife or the mother of his children may petition the court for a disclosure, whereupon a judge of such court after due notice to the wife or mother or husband or father shall hold a hearing thereon as under Title 14, chapters 503, 504 and 505. Such debtor in this situation shall not be entitled to relief from another hearing for any given period of time and such debtor shall not be entitled to relief from orders of partial payment.