

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 813

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Orestis of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Impose a Fee for Waiving the Waiting Period before Marriage.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 61, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 61 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Upon application by both of the parties to an intended marriage, when both parties are residents of this State or both parties are nonresidents, or upon application of the party residing within the State when one of the parties is a resident and the other a nonresident, and upon the payment of a fee of \$25, a judge of probate or a Judge of the District Court may, after hearing such evidence as is presented, grant a certificate stating that in his opinion it is expedient that the intended marriage be solemnized without delay and including the findings on which the opinion is based.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The waiting period required before marriage is waived as a matter of course by some judges. This Act is intended to make waivers more reasonable and more difficult by imposing a fee and by requiring more written justification.