

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1240

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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Place Jurisdiction of Annulment and Divorce Actions in the  
District Courts.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 19, § 635, amended.** Section 635 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 635. Jurisdiction**

The District Court shall possess original jurisdiction ~~concurrent with the Superior Court~~ of actions for annulment of marriage under this subchapter, with appeal to the Superior Court on matters of law only.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 19, § 664, amended.** Section 664 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 664. Jurisdiction**

The District Court shall possess original jurisdiction ~~concurrent with the Superior Court~~ of actions for divorce under this subchapter, with appeal to the Superior Court on matters of law only.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 19, § 691, amended.** The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

~~The Superior Court has jurisdiction of actions for divorce in all counties~~

**Sec. 4. Application.** The Superior Court, on the effective date of this Act, shall retain jurisdiction of all cases docketed, pending or which have been disposed of by that court.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will place jurisdiction of annulment and divorce actions in the District Courts.