

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 51

House of Representatives, January 12, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Pertaining to Out-of-state Marriages.

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 64 is repealed as follows:

§ 64. —out-of-state marriages

~~When residents of this State go outside of the State for the purpose of marriage, and it is there solemnized, and they return to dwell here, they shall, on the blank prepared by the state registrar for that purpose, fill out and file a certificate of their marriage with the clerk of the town in which each of them lived, within 7 days after their return. The clerk shall then record such marriage and make a return of it to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. Any person who fails to make the report of his marriage as above provided shall forfeit \$20, 1/2 to the prosecutor and 1/2 to the town where the forfeit is incurred.~~

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2352, sub-§ 1, ¶ C is repealed as follows:

C. An out-of-state marriage as provided by Title 19, section 64, §1

(1) This shall be paid by the municipality;

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate certain language concerning marriage from the statutes as it serves no purpose. In most cases where a certificate of out-of-state marriage is filed, it serves no purpose. The certificate is not a public record, nor can the clerk issue certified copies of it.