

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 76**

H. P. 55

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.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning Proofs Required for the Issue of a Marriage Intention Form.**

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

22 MRSA § 2801, 2nd ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Persons filing notice of intention to marry, one or both of whom have previously been married, shall submit therewith a certificate or certified copy of the divorce decree, annulment or death record of the last previous marriage. The clerk shall make a notation on the reverse side of the marriage intention form showing the title and location of the court, the names of the parties to the proceeding for the divorce or annulment and the date when the decree became absolute. In the case of a death, the clerk shall show the name of the deceased, along with the date and place of death.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

At present, the clerk is required to see certified copies of the divorce decrees for all previous marriages but is not required to see proof of marriages which have ended in annulment or death. The clerk should be required to see proof of how the last marriage ended regardless of how it ended. The purpose of this bill is to require this proof.