

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1368

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

On motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Domestic Relations.

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 3, 2nd ¶, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 63 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA § 219, as amended by PL 1969, c. 433, § 34, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 19 MRSA § 693, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

Pending a divorce action, the court may ~~order the husband to pay to the wife, or to her attorney for the wife, sufficient money for her defense or prosecution thereof, and to~~ make reasonable provision for her separate support, on a motion for which costs and counsel fees may be ordered; enter such decree for the care, custody and support of the minor children as the court deems proper; and in all cases enforce obedience by appropriate processes on which costs and counsel fees shall be taxed as in other actions.

Sec. 5. 19 MRSA § 752, 1st ¶, last sentence, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals certain unnecessary statutory provisions concerning domestic relations, including a provision establishing a fine of up to \$1,000 and a term of imprisonment for up to 5 years for anyone who joins persons in marriage when he is not authorized to do so, a provision requiring children to care for their parents according to their ability, and a provision permitting the court to require a husband to pay for the cost to his wife of prosecuting or defending a divorce action against him.