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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 388, L.D. 1065, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Finalization of Divorces"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'19 MRSA §662, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Finalization. In an action for annulment or divorce under sections 632 or 691, the trial court may, upon motion for entry of final judgment during the pendency of the appeal period, grant a final judgment of annulment or divorce between the parties provided that the court expressly finds that there is not just cause for delay and entry of judgment will not prejudice the legal or equitable rights of a party during the pendency of an appeal. The filing of a motion under this subsection does not stay an award of child or spousal support or parental rights and responsibilities, except by order of the court under the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows a court to grant final judgment of a divorce or annulment even if other issues, such as alimony or counsel fees, are appealed if a party will not be prejudiced by the action and there is no reason to delay the final action.

Reported by Senator Gauvreau for the Committee on Judiciary.  
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