

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2011

Legislative Document

No. 165

H.P. 142

House of Representatives, January 27, 2011

An Act To Require Divorce Actions To Go to Mediation

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BECK of Waterville, CLARK of Millinocket,
CLARKE of Bath, McKANE of Newcastle, NASS of Acton, Senators: MARTIN of Kennebec,
SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to require all contested divorce cases to be resolved through
6 mediation, instead of in the courts, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as
7 abuse.