

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 51.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the revised statutes, relating to polygamy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty-four of the revised statutes, is hereby amended,
3 by striking out after the word divorced in the first
4 line, the words, " on his or her own petition," so that
5 said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

6 *Sect. 4.* If any person, except one legally divorced,
7 or one whose husband or wife has been continually
8 absent for seven years and not known to him or her to
9 be living within that time, having a husband or wife
10 living, marries another married or single person ; or

11 if any unmarried person knowingly marries the hus-
12 band or wife of another, when such husband or wife
13 is thereby guilty of polygamy, he shall be deemed
14 guilty of polygamy, and punished by imprisonment not
15 more than five years, or by fine not exceeding five
16 hundred dollars ; and the indictment for such offence
17 may be found and tried in the county where the
18 offender resides, or where he is apprehended.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 15, 1871.

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. VOSE,
and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*