

# FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 69.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, relating to suits by married women.

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

Section five of chapter sixty-one of the revised stat-2 utes, is hereby amended, by inserting after the word 3 "husband" in the third line of said section the words, 4 'she may maintain an action against her husband on 5 a promissory note or other civil contract, as if unmar-6 ried,' so that said section as amended shall read as 7 follows :

8 Sect. 5. She may prosecute and defend suits at law 9 or in equity for the preservation and protection of her 10 property, as if unmarried, or may do it jointly with 11 her husband; she may maintain an action against her

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12 husband on a promissory note or other civil contract 13 as if unmarried. Neither of them can be arrested on 14 such writ or execution; nor can he alone maintain an 15 action respecting his wife's property.

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In House of Representatives, February 20, 1873.

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. TIT-COMB, and laid aside to be printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.