

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 56.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, in relation to the rights of married women.

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

Section five, chapter sixty-one, of the revised statutes, 2 is amended by adding at the end of the first line, after 3 the word "equity," the following: 'either of tort or 4 contract, in her own name, without the joinder of her 5 husband;' and in the second line, after the word 6 "property," the following: 'and personal rights or 7 injuries;' and in the third line by adding the follow- 8 ing: "and the husband shall not settle or discharge 9 any such action or cause of action without the written 10 consent of the wife," so that said section as amended 11 shall read as follows :

12 *Sect. 5.* She may prosecute and defend suits at law
13 or in equity, either of tort or contract, in her own
14 name, without the joinder of her husband, for the
15 preservation and protection of her property and per-
16 sonal rights and injuries as if unmarried, or may do it
17 jointly with her husband, and the husband shall not
18 settle or discharge any such action or cause of action
19 without the written consent of the wife. Neither of
20 them can be arrested on such writ or execution, nor
21 can he alone maintain an action respecting his wife's
22 property.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 2, 1876. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary by Mr. TALBOT
of East Machias, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*