

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 43.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

[S. 63.] AN ACT to amend sections eleven and fifteen of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes.

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

Section fifteen of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out the words “annually by the fifteenth of April,” and substituting therefor the words, “by the fifteenth day of each month,” and by striking out the words “the year ending the last day of March,” and substituting therefor the words, “for the preceding month,” so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

“Every person, commissioned as aforesaid, shall keep a record of all marriages solemnized by him, and by the fifteenth day of each month, make return there-

12 of for the preceding month, to the clerk of the town
13 where the marriage is solemnized, certifying the
14 names of the parties, the places of their residence, and
15 the date of the marriage ; and for any neglect to do
16 so, he shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, one-half to
17 the use of the county, and the other to the use of the
18 person suing therefor.”

19 Section eleven of the same chapter, is hereby
20 amended, by striking out the words “ and council,” in
21 the fifth line, so that said section, as amended, shall
22 read as follows :

23 “ Every justice of the peace appointed for a county
24 or for the state, and residing therein ; and every
25 ordained minister of the gospel, and every person
26 licensed to preach by an association of ministers, relig-
27 ious seminary, or ecclesiastical body, duly appointed
28 and commissioned for that purpose by the governor,
29 may solemnize marriages within the limits of their
30 appointment.”

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 10, 1876.

Reported from the Committee on Legal Affairs by Mr. DON-
WORTH of Aroostook, and laid over to be printed under the
Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*