

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 59.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to secure and protect the rights of creditors against copartnership firms and companies.

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

SECTION 1. All partnership firms or companies
2 doing business, or hereafter entering into business
3 in any city, town or plantation in this state, shall,
4 before commencing such business, or within thirty
5 days of the approval of this act, cause to be regis-
6 tered in the office of such city, town or plantation
7 clerk, the business, firm name of the company, and
8 also in full the name and residence of each and
9 every member of said firm or company, or person
10 or persons interested in the business of the same.
11 They shall also from time to time, whenever any

12 member or members of said firm or company shall
13 retire, or change, or withdraw their interest or
14 name from the said firm or company, or whenever
15 any new member or members shall be taken into
16 the said firm, cause any and all such changes to be
17 registered in the office of said city, town or planta-
18 tion clerk, and until such change shall be duly
19 registered as above, each and every member of the
20 said firm or company shall be as fully holden for
21 the debts and liabilities of the said company as if
22 no change in its membership had been made.

SECT. 2. Any firm or company failing to comply
2 with the provisions of section one of this act, shall
3 forfeit and pay to the state a sum not less than
4 fifty dollars for the first offence, and additional
5 thereto a sum not less than fifty dollars for each
6 and every month that they may continue such
7 neglect; and such fines may be recovered by com-
8 plaint before a trial justice, police or municipal
9 court, or by indictment.

SECT. 3. The clerks of cities, towns and planta-
2 tions, shall be entitled to receive the sum of twenty-
3 five cents for making the record required by the
4 first section of this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Legal Affairs, by Mr.
HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, and ordered printed under the Joint
Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*