## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE. No. 75.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section thirteen, chapter twentytwo, of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences.

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

Section 1. Section thirteen, of chapter twenty-

- 2 two, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by
- 3 adding thereto the following: "But all partition
- 4 fences divided by parol agreement and actually
- 5 built in pursuance of such agreement, including
- 6 fences so built heretofore, shall be deemed legal
- 7 fences as if divided by fence viewers or written
- 8 agreement; and the adjoining owners shall support
- 9 their respective portions of fence under such agree-
- 10 ment until otherwise ordered by the fence viewers

11 on application to them by either party," so that 12 said section as amended shall read as follows:

13 Sect. 13. When a fence between owners of 14 improved lands is divided either by fence viewers, 15 or by the written agreement of the parties recorded 16 in the town clerk's office where the land lies, the 17 owners shall erect and support it accordingly; but 18 if any person lays his land common, and deter-19 mines not to improve any part of them adjoining 20 such fence, and gives six months' notice to all 21 occupants of adjoining lands, he shall not be 22 required to maintain such fence while his land so 23 lie common and unimproved. But all partition 24 fences divided by parol agreement and actually 25 built in pursuance of such agreement, including 26 fences so built heretofore, shall be deemed legal 27 fences as if divided by fence viewers or written 28 agreement, and the adjoining owners shall sup-29 port their respective portions of fence under such 30 agreement until otherwise ordered by the fence 31 viewers on application to them by either party.

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

## STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Refresentatives, February 16, 1881.

Reported by Mr. FLINT, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.