

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 188.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, relating to the liabilities of married women.

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

Section four of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "purpose" in the fourth line thereof, the words "neither is he liable for her torts committed after April twenty-six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he takes no part"; also by striking out the word "both" in the same line and inserting instead thereof, the words "all such"; also by inserting after the word "debts" in the

10 seventh line thereof, the words “ and for damages
11 for such torts ”; so that the same section, amended,
12 shall be as follows:

13 *Sect. 4.* A husband married since April twenty-
14 six, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is not liable for
15 the debts of his wife contracted before marriage,
16 nor for those contracted afterward in her own
17 name, for any lawful purpose; neither is he liable
18 for her torts committed after April twenty-six,
19 eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he
20 takes no part; but she is liable in all such cases, a
21 suit may be maintained against her, or against her
22 and her husband therefor, and her property may be
23 attached and taken on execution for such debts and
24 for damages for such torts, as if she were sole, but
25 she cannot be arrested.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 7, 1883. }

Reported by Mr. THOMPSON, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*