

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 14.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 61 of the
Revised Statutes of 1883, relating to the rights of
married women.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 61 of the Re-
vised Statutes of 1883 is hereby amended by
striking out, in the fourth line of said section,
after the word "directly," the words "or in-
directly," and by striking out in the fifth and sixth
lines of said section the words, "or paid for by
him, or given or devised to her by his relatives,"
so that said section, as amended, shall read as
follows:

‘A married woman, of any age, may own in her
11 own right real and personal estate acquired by
12 descent, gift, or purchase; and may manage, sell,
13 convey, and devize the same by will, without the
14 joinder or assent of her husband; but, real estate
15 directly conveyed to her by her husband cannot be
16 conveyed by her without the joinder of her hus-
17 band, except real estate conveyed to her as security
18 or in payment of a *bona fide* debt actually due to
19 her from her husband. When payment was made
20 for property conveyed to her from the property of
21 her husband, or it was conveyed by him to her
22 without a valuable consideration, it may be taken
23 as the property of her husband to pay his debts
24 contracted before such purchase.’

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 21, 1889.

Reported by Mr. RYDER, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*