

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 46.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend sections 17 and 24 of chapter 118
of the Revised Statutes, relating to the punishment
for Rape, as amended by chapter 127 of the Public
Laws of 1887.

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

SECTION 1. Section seventeen of chapter one
2 hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes, as
3 amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-seven
4 of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-
5 seven, is hereby further amended by striking out
6 the word "thirteen" in the first and third lines thereof,
7 and inserting in place thereof the word 'fourteen,'
8 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'SECT. 17. Whoever ravishes, and carnally knows,
10 any female of fourteen or more years of age, by
11 force and against her will, or unlawfully and car-
12 nally knows and abuses a female child under
13 fourteen years of age, shall be punished by im-
14 prisonment for life, or for any term of years.'

SECT. 2. Section twenty-four of chapter one
2 hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes, as
3 amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-seven
4 of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-
5 seven, is hereby further amended by striking out the
6 word "thirteen" in the first and fourth lines thereof,
7 and inserting in place thereof the word 'fourteen,'
8 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'SECT. 24. Whoever assaults a female of four-
10 teen years of age or more, with intent to commit a
11 rape, shall be punished by imprisonment not ex-
12 ceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five
13 hundred dollars. If such assault is made on a
14 female under fourteen years, such imprisonment
15 shall not be for less than one year, nor more than
16 twenty years.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 31, 1889.

Reported by Mr. HEATH, from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*