

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 147.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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### AN ACT relating to actions for libel.

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

SECTION 1. No action or prosecution for libel  
2 shall be maintained against the owner or publisher  
3 of any newspaper for the publication in any such  
4 newspaper of any matter of legitimate news, if  
5 such publication is made without actual malice and  
6 if the publisher thereof causes effectual retraction  
7 or correction to be made of any thing untrue or  
8 mistaken in such publication as soon as practicable  
9 after being requested so to do by any person  
10 aggrieved by the original publication,—and shall  
11 also give the name of the author of the article  
12 so published, if requested so to do.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 27, 1889.

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

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*