

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 139.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to Divorces.

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

Section two of chapter sixty of the Revised Stat-
utes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
“ability” in the seventh line the following words ‘or
being able to labor and provide for her,’ so that said sec-
tion when so amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 1. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony
may be decreed by the supreme judicial court in the
county where either party resides at the commencement
of proceedings, for causes of adultery, impotence, extreme

10 cruelty, utter desertion, continued three consecutive
11 years next prior to the filing of the libel, gross and con-
12 firmed habits of intoxication, cruel and abusive treatment
13 or on the libel of the wife where the husband being of
14 sufficient ability or being able to labor and provide for
15 her, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects
16 to provide suitable maintenance for her, provided that
17 the parties were married in this State or cohabited here
18 after marriage or if the libellant resides here when the
19 cause of divorce accrued or had resided here in good
20 faith for one year prior to the commencement of proceed-
21 ings. But when both parties have been guilty of adultery
22 or there is collusion between them to procure a divorce
23 it shall not be granted. Either party may be a witness.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
February 16, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. BROWN of Waterville from Committee on
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*