

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 342.

STATE OF MAINE.

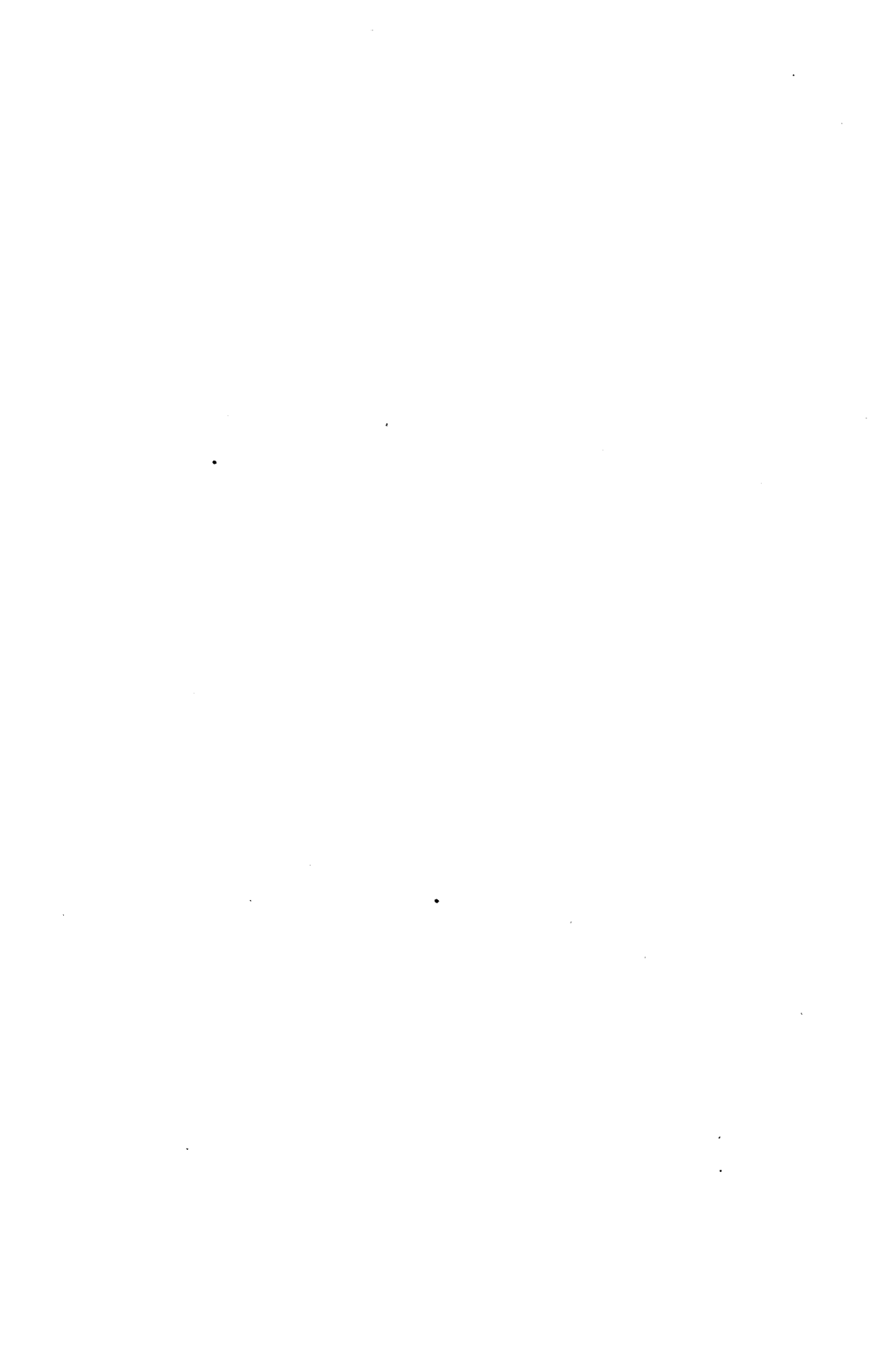
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT to compel husbands and fathers to contribute to the
support of wives and children.

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

Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or both,
2 residing in this state, and from whom he lives apart, and
3 being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and pro-
4 vide for them, wilfully and without reasonable cause,
5 refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for
6 them, the supreme judicial court in the county where the
7 wife or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself,
8 and for such children, or of such children by their guar-

9 dian, after such notice to the husband or father as it may
10 order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the
11 support of his wife, if the separation was without her
12 fault, and to the support of such children, such sums pay-
13 able weekly, monthly or quarterly, as is deemed reason-
14 able and just; and may enforce obedience by appropriate
15 decrees.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 13, 1895. }

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*