

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 119.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 22, of the Revised
Statutes, relating to division fences.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the
3 following words. 'and no division fence in the construction
4 of which barbed wire is used, shall be accounted legal and
5 sufficient, except by mutual written consent of the adjoining
6 owners,' so that said section as amended shall read as
7 follows:

'Section 1. All fences four feet high and in good repair, 9 consisting of rails, timber, stone walls, iron or wire, and 10 brooks, rivers, ponds, creeks, ditches and hedges, or other 11 things which in the judgment of the fence viewers having 12 jurisdiction thereof are equivalent thereto, are legal and suffi- 13 cient fences; provided, however, that no barbed wire fence 14 built since April fifteen, eighteen hundred and eight-three, 15 shall be accounted legal and sufficient, unless it is protected 16 by an upper rail or board of wood, and no division fence in 17 the construction of which barbed wire is used, shall be 18 accounted legal and sufficient, except by mutual written con- 19 sent of the adjoining owners.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 18, 1897.

Reported by Mr. FLOYD of Brewer, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*