

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 15.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the
Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to
contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of
wives and children.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the
2 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby
3 amended by inserting in the sixth line after the word
4 "court," the following words, 'in term time or vacation,'
5 and by adding to said chapter, the following words, 'execu-
6 tion may also issue for said sums when payable.' so that said
7 chapter, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or both,
9 residing in this State, and from whom he lives apart, and
10 being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and provide
11 for them, willfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or
12 neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the
13 supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation in the
14 county where the wife or children reside, on petition of the
15 wife for herself, and for such children, or of such children by
16 their guardian, after such notice to the husband or father as
17 it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to
18 the support of his wife, if the separation was without her
19 fault, and to the support of such children, such sums payable
20 weekly, monthly or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and
21 just and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees.
22 Execution may also issue for said sums, when payable.’



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 22, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*