

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 73.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section two (2) of chapter sixty (60) of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-nine (179) of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to Libels for Divorce.

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

Section 1. Section two (2) of chapter sixty (60) of the
2 Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and
3 seventy-nine (179) of the Public Laws of 1893, is hereby
4 amended by adding after the word "proceedings" in the
5 sixth line the following words: 'or if the libellee is a resi-
6 dent of this State,' so that said section shall read as follows:
7 'A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed

8 by the supreme judicial court in the county where either
9 party resides, at the commencement of proceedings for
10 causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter deser-
11 tion continued three consecutive years next prior to the
12 filing of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxica-
13 tion, cruel and abusive treatment, or on the libel of the wife,
14 where the husband, being of sufficient ability, or being able
15 to labor and provide for her, grossly, or wantonly and
16 cruelly, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance
17 for her; provided, that the parties were married in this State
18 or cohabited here after marriage; or if the libellant resides
19 here when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided here
20 in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of
21 proceedings, or if the libellee is a resident of this State. But
22 when both parties have been guilty of adultery, or there is
23 collusion between them to procure a divorce, it shall not
24 be granted. Either party may be a witness.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect thirty (30) days after
2 approval.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 12, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.