

Sixty-Ninth Legislature

No. 38.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGH1 HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

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

Chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of 2 eighteen hundred and ninety-five as amended by chapter one 3 hundred and seventy-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred 4 and ninety-seven, is hereby amended by adding in the sixth 5 line of said chapter as amended after the word "court," the 6 words 'the Superior Courts and the Bangor Municipal Court;' 7 so that said chapter as amended shall read as follows:

Chapter 136. Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child,9 or both, residing in this State, and from whom he lives apart,

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10 and being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and pro-11 vide for them, willfully and without reasonable cause, refuses 12 or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the 13 Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Courts and the Bangor 14 Municipal Court, in term time, or vacation, in the county where 15 the wife or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself, 16 and for such children, or of such children, by their guardian; 17 after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and 18 hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife, 19 if the separation was without her fault, and to the support of 20 such children, such sums payable weekly, monthly or quarterly, 21 as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience 22 by appropriate decrees. Execution may also issue for said 23 sums, when payable, and for costs.' .

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House of Representatives, Augusta, February 2, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.