

# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

#### HOUSE.

No. 132.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapters 217 and 218 of the Public Laws of 1889 entitled "An Act to amend section 43 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes relating to Insolvent Debtors."

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

Section 1. Section 43 of chapter 70 of the Revised Stat-2 utes, as amended by section one of chapter 63 of the Public 3 Laws of 1887 and by chapter 217 and chapter 218 of the 4 Public Laws of 1889, is hereby further amended by inserting 5 after "thereafterward" in the fifth line thereof, the words 6 'except by leave of court upon such notice, if any, as the 7 court may order,' and by striking out the words "within the 8 time herein limited therefore" in the ninth and tenth lines

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9 thereof and inserting in place thereof 'as above set forth' so 10 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section I. If for any cause a debtor shall fail to take and 12 subscribe to the oath referred to in the 43d section of chapter 13 70 of the Revised Statutes, he may do so at any time within 14 two years from the date of the commencement of proceedings, 15 and not thereafterward except by leave of court upon such 16 notice, if any, as the court may order, with the same effect 17 as if originally taken; whenever in any case the debtor fails 18 to take the oath prescribed in the forty-third section of chapter 19 70 of the Revised Statutes as above set forth, all proceedings 20 in insolvency may be dismissed upon motion of any party 21 interested, after such notice as the judge shall order.

Sect. 2. This act shall apply to all cases now pending. Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, February 17, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.