

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 143.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

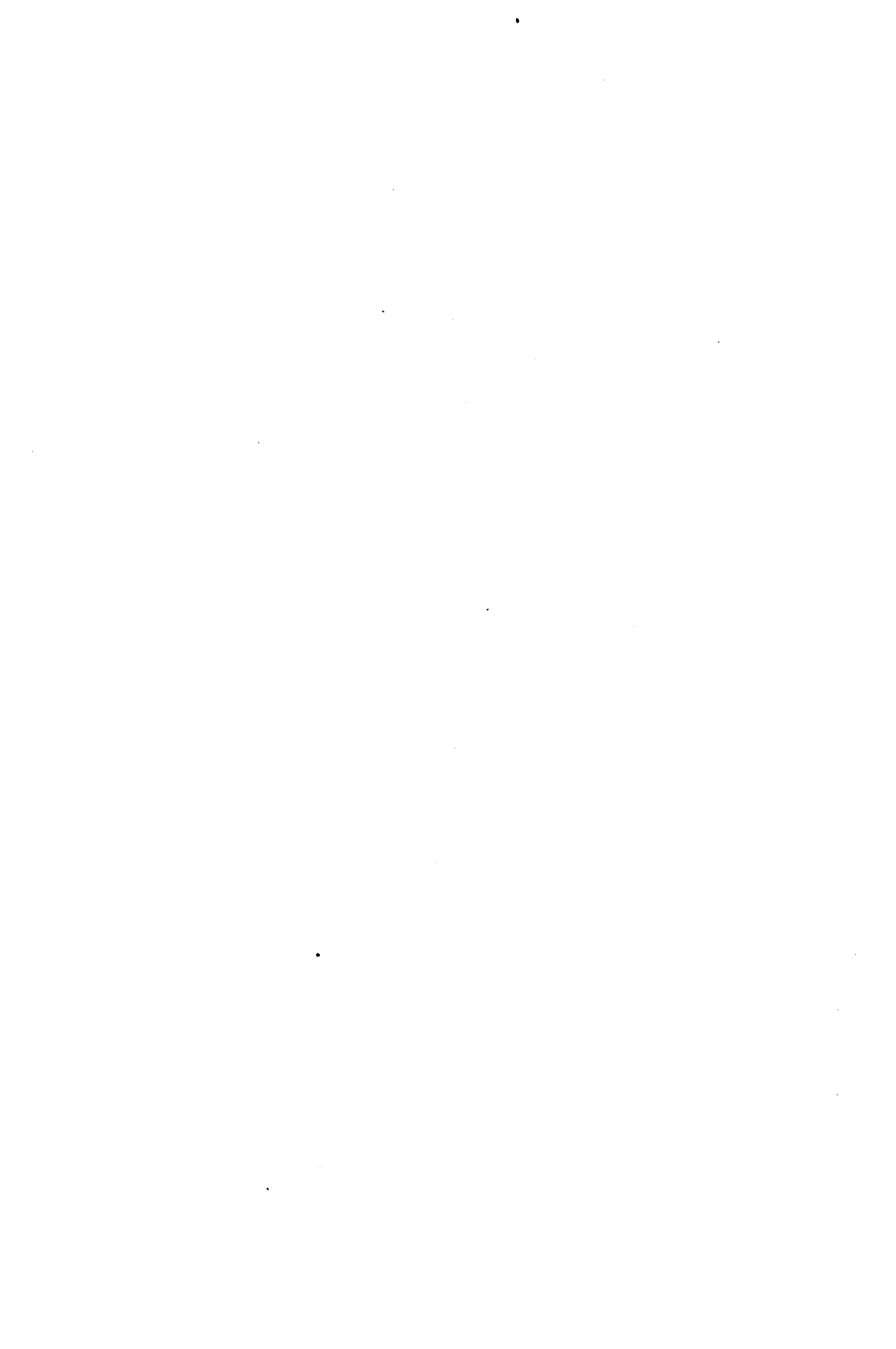
AN ACT to amend section two of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to Divorce.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter sixty of the Revised
2 Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-nine
3 of the Public Laws of 1893, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the word "intoxication," in the sixth line of said
5 section, as amended, the words, 'from the use of intoxicating
6 liquors, opium, or other drugs,' so that said section, as amended,
7 shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 2. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be
9 decreed by the supreme judicial court in the county where
10 either party resides, at the commencement of proceedings for
11 causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter desertion
12 continued three consecutive years next prior to the filing of the
13 libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication from the use of
14 intoxicating liquors, opium, or other drugs, cruel and abusive
15 treatment, or on the libel of the wife, where the husband being of
16 sufficient ability or being able to labor and provide for her, grossly
17 or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable
18 maintenance for her, provided that the parties were married in
19 this state or cohabited here after marriage, or if the libellant
20 resides here when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided
21 here in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of
22 proceedings. But when both parties have been guilty of adul-
23 tery, or there is collusion between them to procure a divorce, it
24 shall not be granted. Either party may be a witness.’

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



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 21, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*