

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 497

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to authorize clergymen to solemnize marriages.

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

Section 1. Any clergyman residing in this State and
2 engaged in the service of the religious body to which he
3 belongs, may solemnize marriages, such facts being first
4 vouched for by certificate signed by the bishop, the presiding
5 elder or the clerk of such religious body, duly filed in the
6 office of the secretary of state. A fee of two dollars shall
7 be paid to the secretary of state upon the filing of such
8 certificate, who shall thereupon issue to such clergyman a
9 certificate under the seal of the state, to the effect that he

10 is authorized to solemnize marriages, and such certificate,
11 or a certified copy thereof, shall be received as evidence in
12 all courts of his authority so to do, and a copy of the record
13 of any marriage solemnized by such clergyman, duly made
14 and kept, attested or sworn to by the clerk of the town in
15 which the marriage intention was recorded or in which the
16 marriage was solemnized shall be received in all courts as
17 evidence of the fact of marriage.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 12, 1907.

Reported by Mr. SMITH from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered
printed under joint rules.

F. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*