

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 484

House of Representatives, Mar. 8, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Strickland of Bangor, who moved its reference to the Committee on Judiciary. By Mr. Hersey of Houlton tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 8 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes relating to Divorce.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section 8 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding the following:

The Court, in its discretion, may order any libel for Divorce, in respect to which a jury trial has not been requested or ordered, to be referred to any Master in Chancery now or hereafter appointed by a majority of the Justices as provided by Section 10 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, to ascertain and report the facts to the Court with his conclusions thereon, and such Masters shall have the power to issue process to compel the attendance and examination of

11 parties and witnesses before them and the production of
12 books, papers, deeds and writings and generally shall have
13 all the powers of Masters according to the practice in equity;
14 so that said Section as amended shall read:

‘Sect. 8. If either party requests in writing filed with the
16 clerk on or before the return day of the libel, or the court
17 orders it, the case shall be submitted to a jury; and if they
18 find the allegations are true, and that a divorce ought to be
19 granted according to Section two, the court shall so decree.
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