

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 9

*House of Representatives, Jan. 10, 1913.*

*Tabled pending recommitment to Committee on Labor by Mr. Descoteaux and ordered printed.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 46 of the Public Laws of 1907, and Chapters 70 and 257 of the Public Laws of 1909 relative to the employment of women and children.

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

Section 1. Section 48 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" where this word occurs and inserting in place thereof the word 'nine,' and striking out the word "fifty-eight in the tenth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'Fifty-four,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman

9 shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or me-  
10 chanical establishment in the state, more than nine hours in  
11 any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to  
12 prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the ma-  
13 chinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of  
14 labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's  
15 work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours  
16 of labor exceed fifty-four in a week; and no male person six-  
17 teen years of age and over shall be so employed as above  
18 more than nine hours a day during minority, unless he volun-  
19 tarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or  
20 one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall  
21 receive extra compensation for his services; provided, how-  
22 ever, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may  
23 lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in  
24 excess of nine hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any  
25 one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving addi-  
26 tional compensation therefor; but during her minority the  
27 consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be  
28 first obtained.'