# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

### HOUSE

NO. 176

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1915.

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

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

## STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT conferring jurisdiction to grant judgments declaring citizenship, residence and domicile.

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

Section 1. The supreme judicial court of this state and

- 2 the superior courts for the counties of Cumberland and
- 3 Kennebec shall have jurisdiction, original and concurrent,
- 4 to hear and determine petitions of persons alleging them-
- 5 selves to be citizens, residents and domiciled inhabitants
- 6 of this state and praying a judicial declaration of such
- 7 citizenship, residence, and domicile.
- Sect. 2. Such petitions shall set forth the grounds upon 2 which the application is based, shall be supported by such

- 3 evidence as the court shall deem necessary, and shall be 4 filed, heard and determined in the county in which the peti-5 tioner claims residence. If such petitioner desires a jury 6 trial upon his petition, he may endorse a request therefor 7 upon the petition at the time of entry and shall thereupon 8 be entitled to the same.
- Sect. 3. Notice of said petition shall be given to the at-2 torney general by causing an attested copy of the same 3 to be served upon him by any officer qualified to serve civil 4 process, at least fourteen days perior to the first day of 5 the term of court at which said petition is entered and the 6 attorney general may appear and be heard thereon.
- Sect. 4. In the event of a subsequent change of residence 2 on the part of any person so declared to be a citizen of this 3 state, said courts shall also have jurisdiction and authority 4 upon petition therefor and like proceedings had to make 5 a judicial declaration of such change of residence, and 6 decree that the former judgment entered in such case shall 7 thereafter be of no force and effect.