

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 279

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. St. Clair of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT conferring upon married women the right to enter
into partnership relations with their husbands.

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

Section four of chapter sixty-three of the revised
2 statutes of nineteen hundred and three is hereby
3 amended by adding to said section the following: 'She may
4 become a partner with her husband, or with him or others,
5 for commercial and other business purposes, and her sepa-
6 rate estate shall be subject to the partnership liabilities as
7 if she were unmarried,' so that said section, when so amend-
8 ed, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. A husband married since April twenty-sixth, 10 eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is not liable for the debts 11 of his wife contracted before marriage, nor for those con- 12 tracted afterward in her own name, for any lawful purpose; 13 nor is he liable for her torts committed after April twenty- 14 six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he takes no 15 part; but she is liable in all such cases; a suit may be main- 16 tained against her therefor, and her property may be at- 17 tached and taken on execution for such debts and for dam- 18 ages for such torts, as if she were sole; but she cannot be 19 arrested. She may become a partner with her husband, or 20 with him and others, for commercial and other business pur- 21 poses, and her separate estate shall be subject to the part- 22 nership liabilities as if she were unmarried.'