

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 465

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*House of Representatives, March 2, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Ellis of Gardiner.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 4, Chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization.

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

Section four of chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes 2 of 1916, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 3 "granted," in the thirteenth line of said section, the follow- 4 ing words, 'except that where the contracting parties desire 5 an immediate marriage because of the bringing of bastardy 6 proceedings, the said five days notice of intentions may be 7 waived and the city or town clerk issue the certificate forth- 8 with,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 4. Intentions of marriage to be recorded. Resi-  
2 dents of the state intending to be joined in marriage shall  
3 cause notice of their intentions to be recorded in the office of  
4 the clerk of the town in which each resides, at least five days  
5 before a certificate of such intentions is granted; and if one  
6 only of the parties resides in the state, they shall cause notice  
7 of their intentions to be recorded in the office of the clerk of  
8 the town in which such party resides, at least five days before  
9 such certificate is granted; and if there is no such clerk in  
10 the place of their residence, the like entry shall be made with  
11 the clerk of an adjoining town; and if both parties reside out  
12 of the state they shall cause notice of their intentions to be  
13 recorded in the office of the clerk of the town in which such  
14 parties propose to have the marriage solemnized, at least five  
15 days before such certificate is granted; except that where the  
16 contracting parties desire an immediate marriage because of  
17 the bringing of bastardy proceedings, the said five days no-  
18 tice of intentions may be waived and the city or town clerk  
19 issue the certificate forthwith; and the book in which such  
20 record is made, shall be labeled on the outside of its cover,  
21 “Record of intentions of marriage;” and be kept open to  
22 public inspection in the office of the clerk.