

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 161

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Peacock of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Seven of Chapter One Hundred
of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Bastard Children and
Their Maintenance.

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

Section seven of chapter one hundred of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "court" in the tenth line the following: 'or by the clerk of said court, in term time, or in vacation,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. If, on such issue, the jury finds the respondent

2 not guilty, he shall be discharged; but if they find him guilty,
3 or the facts in the declaration filed are admitted by default
4 or on demurrer, he shall be adjudged the father of said
5 child; stand charged with its maintenance, with the assist-
6 ance of the mother, as the court orders; and shall be ordered
7 to pay the complainant her costs of suit and for the expense
8 of her delivery, and of her nursing, medicine and medical
9 attendance, during the period of her sickness and conva-
10 lescence, and of the support of such child to the date or
11 rendition of judgment; and shall give a bond, with sufficient
12 sureties approved by the court, or by the clerk of said court,
13 in term time or in vacation, to the complainant to perform
14 said order, and a bond, with sufficient sureties so approved,
15 to the town liable for the maintenance of such child, and be
16 committed until he gives them. 'The latter bond shall be
17 deposited with the clerk of the court for the use of such
18 town. If the respondent does not comply with that part
19 of the order relative to payment of expenses and costs of
20 suit, execution may issue therefor as in actions of tort.'