

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

## SENATE

## NO. 344

In Senate, March 16, 1917.

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

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Wood of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section eight of Chapter sixty-five of the Revised Statutes relative to time for hearing of libels for divorce.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section eight of Chapter sixty-five of the Revised Stat-2 utes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
3 'In all libels for divorce returnable to the supreme judicial
4 court the libel shall be in order for hearing at the first or
5 return term, provided service of said libel has been made
6 in accordance with this chapter not less than sixty days

7 before said return terms,' so that said section as amended 8 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. If either party requests in writing filed with 2 the clerk on or before the return day of the libel, or the 3 court orders it, the case shall be submitted to a jury; and 4 if they find the allegations are true, and that a divorce 5 ought to be granted according to Section two, the court 6 shall so decree. In all libels for divorce returnable to the 7 supreme judicial court the libel shall be in order for hear-8 ing at the first or return term, provided service of said 9 libel has been made in accordance with this chapter not less 10 than sixty days before said return term.'

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