

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 223

H. P. 864 House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sturgis of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Marriage, Prohibiting the Inter-marriage
of Whites and Persons of African Descent, and Prescribing
Penalties for Violation Thereof.

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

Section 1. That the marriage relation between white per-
2 sons and persons of African descent, be forever prohibited
3 and hereby declared to be unlawful, and such marriages
4 shall be null and void.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person authorized
2 by the laws of this state to join together in matrimony any
3 man or woman, where either of whom is of African de-
4 scent and the other a white person.

Sect. 3. Any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of either sections one or two hereof shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not less than one thousand dollars nor in excess of five thousand dollars, or confinement and hard labor in the penitentiary for not less than one year or longer than five years; or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.