

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 717

S. P. 709 House of Representatives, March 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Nine of Chapter Sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relative to Alimony and Other Provisions for Wife in Case of Divorce for Husband's Fault.

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

Section nine of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "her" in the 3 sixteenth line thereof the words 'may alter its decree from 4 time to time as circumstances require,' so that said section 5 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. *Alimony and other provisions for wife in case 2 of divorce for husband's fault.* When a divorce is decreed 3 for impotence, the wife's real estate shall be restored to

4 her, and the court may enter judgment for her against her
5 husband for so much of her personal property as came to
6 him by the marriage, or its value in money, as it thinks
7 reasonable; and may compel him to disclose, on oath, what
8 personal estate he so received, how it has been disposed of,
9 and what then remains. When a divorce is decreed to the
10 wife for the fault of the husband for any other cause, she
11 shall be entitled to one-third, in common and undivided of
12 all his real estate, except wild lands, which shall descend
13 to her as if he were dead; and the same right to a restora-
14 tion of her real and personal estate, as in case of divorce
15 for impotence. The court may also decree to her reason-
16 able alimony out of his estate, having regard to his ability;
17 and to effect the purposes aforesaid, may order so much
18 of his real estate, or the rents and profits thereof, as is
19 necessary, to be assigned and set out to her for life; or
20 instead of alimony, may decree a specific sum to be paid
21 by him to her, may alter its decree from time to time as cir-
22 cumstances require; and use all necessary legal processes
23 to carry its decrees into effect.'