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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 45

S. P. 73

In Senate, Jan. 21, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Murchie of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Jury Trials in Divorce Proceedings.

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

Section 8 of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of 1930 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence thereof and substituting the following therefor:

'Whenever, in a hearing on a libel for divorce, any question of fact arises which may properly be submitted to a jury, issues may be framed for that purpose, under the direction of the presiding justice, and the findings of a jury thereon shall have the same force and effect as similar findings in probate appeals.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Whenever, in a hearing on a libel for divorce, any question of fact arises which may properly be submitted to a jury, issues may be framed for that purpose, under the direction of the presiding justice, and the findings of a jury thereon shall have the same force and effect as similar findings in probate appeals. All libels for divorce shall be in order for hearing at the first or return term, provided service of said libel has been made in accordance with this chapter not less than sixty days before said return term.'