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House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Young of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Relating to Foreign Divorce Decrees.

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

Allowing and recording of foreign divorce decrees. In any case in which a final decree of divorce or separation has been granted in any state or country according to the laws thereof, the same may be allowed in this state and recorded in the manner and for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

A copy of the decree, duly authenticated, shall be produced together with a petition, duly sworn to by the party interested, to any of the judges of the superior court in term time or vacation, or to the judge of probate in any county in which there is real estate, the disposal of which would be affected thereby; whereupon the judge shall assign a time and place for hearing, and after notice and hearing, if the judge considers it proper that said decree shall be given effect in this state, he shall order the copy to be filed and recorded, and the register of probate shall forthwith file in the office of the register of deeds in the county or counties where real estate, which may be affected by such decree, is situated, a certified copy thereof, which the register of deeds shall record without fee.

Such decree shall then have the same force and effect as if it had been originally granted according to the laws of this state, but nothing herein shall give any operation and effect to said decree different than it would have if originally granted in this state.