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S. P. 378

In Senate, February 14, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Permitting Blood Grouping Tests in Bastardy Proceedings.

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

R. S., c. 111, additional. Chapter 111 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to be numbered 12, and to read as follows:

‘Sec. 12. Blood grouping tests. After return day, the court, in term time or vacation on motion of the respondent, shall order the complainant, her child, and the respondent to submit to one or more blood grouping tests to determine whether or not paternity of the respondent can be excluded, the specimens for the purpose to be collected and the tests to be made by duly qualified physicians and under such restrictions as the court shall direct, the expenses therefor, to be audited by the court and borne by the respondent. The results of such tests shall be admissible in evidence, but only in cases where exclusion is established. The order for such tests may also direct that the testimony of the examining physicians may be taken by deposition.’