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S. P. 524

In Senate, March 22, 1939.

Received by unanimous consent and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burns of Aroostook.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Procedure in Re Support of Neglected Wives and  
Children.**

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

**R. S., c. 74, § 9, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 9 of chapter 74 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or children, residing in this state, and being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and provide for them, wilfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the superior court, the probate courts, and any municipal court, in term time or **any judge or justice of said courts in** vacation, in the county where the wife or such minor child or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself and for such child or children, or of such child or children by their guardian, after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife and such minor child or children or either of them such sums payable weekly, monthly, or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees.’