

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 50

In Senate, January 9, 1941.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction in Divorce Actions.**

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

**R. S., c. 73, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

‘Sec. 14. Disposal of minor children; employ compulsory process; change name of wife. The court having jurisdiction of the cause, or any justice thereof in vacation whether a decree of nullity or divorce is made and entered or not may decree concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children of the parties, and with which of the parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person, to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children or to the state department of health and welfare and alter its decree from time to time as circumstances require, keeping the cause continued upon the docket so long as the interest of any of said minor children is involved and in execution of the powers herein given, it may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper by execution, attachment or other effectual form. When a decree of nullity or divorce is made and entered in favor of the wife, the court may change her name at her request.’