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H. P. 921

House of Representatives, February 6, 1947.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT Relating to Service in Divorce Cases.

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

**R. S., c. 153, § 56, amended.** Section 56 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 56. Commencement of proceedings; service.** The libelant may file in the clerk's office a libel, signed by him, or insert it in a writ of attachment with power to attach real and personal property, to respond to the decrees of the court as in other suits; and service thereon shall be made by summons and copy, 14 days before it is returnable; the court in any county or a justice thereof in vacation, may order notice as in other suits, **provided, however, notice may be ordered upon writs of attachment with a libel inserted therein notwithstanding the fact that no attachment either real or nominal has been made on said writ; and no service of a writ of attachment with a libel for divorce inserted therein shall be held to be insufficient solely because no attachment either actual or nominal was made thereon, provided the same be personally served on the libelant by summons and copy as aforesaid, or if notice be given in the manner and by such means as the court or any justice thereof may order under the provisions of this or the following section of this chapter.'**