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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Paine of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Illegal Marriage and Annulment Thereof.**

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

**R. S., c. 153, § 54, amended.** Section 54 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 54. Issue of second marriage, when legitimate.** When a marriage is annulled on account of a prior marriage, and the ~~parties~~ **party who was capable of contracting the second marriage** contracted the second marriage in good faith, believing that a prior husband or wife was dead, **or that the former marriage was void, or that a divorce had been decreed leaving the party to the former marriage free to marry again,** that fact shall be stated in the decree of nullity; and the issue of such second marriage, begotten before the commencement of the suit, is the legitimate issue of the parent capable of contracting.'