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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Giving the Newspapers Access to Records of Vital Statistics.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 388, amended. The 1st sentence of section 388 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 320 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'The state registrar and the clerk of a municipality shall not permit inspection of the records of birth, marriage and death, marriage intentions excepted, or issue a certified copy of a certificate relating thereto, or to parts thereof, unless he is satisfied that the applicant therefor has a direct and tangible interest in the matter recorded, the decision of the state registrar or the clerk of a municipality being subject, however, to review by the superior court or any justice thereof in vacation, under the limitations of this chapter; **provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to bar newspaper reporters from access to such records.**'