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House of Representatives, March 13, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kellam of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Petition for Support of Wife or Minor Children.

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

R. S., c. 166, § 43, amended. The first sentence of section 43 of chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes is 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, willfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the Superior Court, the probate court 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 **or by the municipality that is providing suitable maintenance**, 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.'