

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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CHAP. 30.

twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, shall not operate to defeat any suit or action which was pending at the time of the passage thereof.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

### Chapter 30.

An act relating to divorces.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Liability of husband in suits for divorce.

Pending any libel for divorce, the court may order the husband to pay the clerk for the use of the wife such sum of money as they shall deem proper, to be expended by her in the defense or prosecution of said libel—may order him to make reasonable provision for her separate support—may enter such decree touching the care and custody of the minor children as they shall judge expedient, and may enforce obedience by appropriate processes.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]

### Chapter 31.

An act to authorize the governor and council to require new bonds from public officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Public officers, new bonds may be required, &c.

SECT. 1. In all cases where a public officer is required by existing laws to give a bond to the state, the governor and council may require such officer to give a new bond whenever they may consider the same to be necessary. And the governor and council may, at the request of a surety upon such bond, if they consider the same to be reasonable and proper, require a new bond, and when such new bond shall have been given and accepted, the obligees in such former bond shall be released and discharged from all liability thereon for acts and defaults of such officer occurring after such acceptance. And if a new bond required as provided in this act shall not be given by any such officer, to the satisfaction of the governor and council, within the time by them specified, such officer failing to give such bond, shall be deemed to have vacated his office and such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided by law. And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

—failure to give new bonds when required.

[Approved March 29, 1853.]