

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 51.**

An act additional to chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of property.

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

SECT. 1. All family portraits, whether painted or otherwise, shall be exempted from attachment and seizure on execution.

Family portraits exempted from attachment.

SECT. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 29, 1858.]

**Chapter 52.**

An act to amend section sixteen of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to lien claims.

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

SECT. 1. Section sixteen of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "enforced by attachment" the words but such lien shall not continue more than ninety days after such labor is performed or materials furnished, unless an attachment is made or a memorandum of the contract recorded in the manner provided by law for recording mortgages of personal property within that time, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Ch. 91, sec. 16, R. S. amended.

A person who performs or furnishes labor or materials for erecting, altering or repairing a house, building or appurtenances, by virtue of a contract with the owner thereof, shall have a lien thereon, and on the lot of land on which it stands, or on any interest such owner has in the land, or on the equity of redemption if under mortgage, to secure payment thereof, which shall continue ninety days after payment becomes due, and be enforced by attachment; but such lien shall not continue more than ninety days after such labor is performed or materials furnished, unless an attachment is made, or a memorandum of the contract recorded, in the manner provided by law for recording mortgages of personal property, within that time; and if a levy is made thereon, the appraisers may set out to the creditor a suitable lot for such building, if they think the whole not needed therefor.

Lien on buildings and lots for labor, &c., how enforced.

—how long to continue.

—levy made, lot may be set out for building.

[Approved March 29, 1858.]