

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1847.

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Wm. T. JOHNSON,.....PRINTER TO THE STATE

1848.

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# TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 13.]

[SENATE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FORTY-SEVEN.

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### AN ACT additional respecting divorce.

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

SECT. 1. The Justices of the Supreme Judicial  
2 Court are authorized and empowered, at any term  
3 of said Court, holden by a majority of the Justices  
4 thereof, to decree a divorce from the bond of matri-  
5 mony in all cases not provided for by law, and when  
6 there is no collusion between the parties for the pur-  
7 pose of procuring a divorce, when a majority of all  
8 said Justices, in the exercise of a sound discretion,  
9 shall deem it reasonable and proper, conducive to

10 domestic harmony, and consistent with the peace and  
11 morality of society, that a divorce should be granted.

SECT. 2. In such cases, the said Justices shall  
2 have the same authority to impose terms in regard to  
3 the future support of the wife out of the property of  
4 the husband, to decree concerning the custody, care  
5 and maintenance of the minor children of the parties,  
6 and to employ compulsory process in executing the  
7 powers conferred by this act, as said Court have in  
8 chapter eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, when  
9 they decree a divorce from the bond of matrimony.

SECT. 3. The restrictions and limitations con-  
2 tained in sections thirteen and fourteen of chapter  
3 eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, shall apply to all  
4 cases coming within the provisions of this act.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, June 19, 1847.

*Ordered*, That 350 copies of the foregoing Bill, reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

DANIEL T. PIKE, *Secretary*.