

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 47.

MINORITY REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

ON BILL RELATING TO BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The undersigned, members of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill an act to amend chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of 1864, relating to marriages, births and deaths, dissenting with the majority and reporting that the bill ought not to pass, ask leave to present this minority report that the bill ought to pass.

JOSEPH GRANGER,
F. E. WEBB,
MARSHALL CRAM,
LEWIS BARKER.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public law of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

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

SECTION 1. The clerk of every city, town and plantation in this state shall record in a book kept for that purpose, the births, marriages and deaths occurring in their respective cities and towns, and shall on or before the second Monday of May, annually, make duly certified returns thereof to the secretary of state for each year ending with the last day of March.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to receive such returns and file them in his office.

SECT. 3. Every person authorized by law to unite persons in marriage shall make a record of each mar-

3 riage solemnized before him and annually on or before
4 the fifteenth day of April, deliver to the clerk of the
5 city, town or plantation in which such rite was per-
6 formed, a copy of such record for the year ending the
7 last day of March.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the assessors of the
2 several cities, towns and plantations in this state, an-
3 nually while taking the inventory of poll and estates
4 in the month of April, to ascertain by enquiry the
5 births and deaths occurring during each year ending
6 the last day of March, and make return thereof to the
7 clerks of their respective cities, towns and plantations
8 on or before the last day of April annually.

SECT. 5. If any person shall willfully neglect to
2 perform any of the duties imposed on or required of
3 him by the provisions of this act, he shall on conviction
4 thereof be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each
5 offence, one half thereof to the use of the city, town or
6 plantation in which such offence shall occur, the other
7 half to the use of the person who shall prosecute the
8 same.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 17, 1865. }

Presented by leave by Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on the
Judiciary, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered to be
printed.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*