

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 22.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to simplify indictments in capital cases.

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

SECTION 1. In any indictment for murder or manslaughter, it shall not be necessary to set forth the manner in which or the means by which the death of the deceased was caused, but it shall be sufficient in every indictment for murder to charge that the defendant did feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder the deceased ; and it shall be sufficient in every indictment for manslaughter to charge that the defendant did feloniously kill and slay the deceased.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 17, 1865.

Reported by Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

THOMAS P CLEAVES, *Secretary.*