

HOUSE No. 472.

[House, No. 461, as engrossed.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six.

AN ACT

In relation to procuring Unlawful or Fraudulent
Decrees of Divorce.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Whoever knowingly procures or
2 obtains, or assists another to procure or obtain,
3 any false, counterfeit or fraudulent divorce or
4 decree of divorce, shall be punished by a fine not
5 exceeding two hundred dollars or by imprison-
6 ment in the house of correction for a term not
7 exceeding six months.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever knowingly procures or ob-

2 tains, or assists another to procure or obtain, any
3 divorce or decree of divorce from any court of
4 any other state or territory, for or in favor of any
5 person who at the time of making application
6 therefor was a resident of this state, such court
7 not having jurisdiction to grant such decree, shall
8 be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred
9 dollars or by imprisonment in the house of cor-
10 rection for a term not exceeding six months.

1 SECT. 3. Whoever writes, prints or publishes,
2 or solicits another to write, print or publish, any
3 notice, circular or advertisement of the business
4 or purpose of obtaining or procuring divorces or
5 decrees of divorce, shall be punished by a fine
6 not exceeding two hundred dollars or by im-
7 prisonment in the house of correction for a term
8 not exceeding six months.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 22 (A. M.), 1886.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN,

Clerk.