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**Veto Message: Governor Hartness
1921 (S.22)**

An act to amend the General Laws relating to a homestead.

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., March 14, 1921

To the Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to return without my approval, Senate bill, entitled

S. 22. "An act to amend the General Laws relating to a homestead," for the following reasons:

I believe it is unwise to try to put through any satisfactory legislation aimed to equalize property rights and obligations of men and women. Since the right of suffrage has been granted to women there has not been sufficient time to find a satisfactory basis. Out of fairness to women we should defer such legislation to the 1923 session.

JAMES HARTNESS,
Governor

**Governor's Veto Overridden
S.22, 1921**

The Governor's veto was overridden in the Senate:
Yeas 23 Nays 5

The Governor's veto was overridden in the House:
Yeas 129 Nays 64

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, March 14, 1921 (pages 404, and 529);
Journal of the House (page 721)