

**Revised Statutes of 1846 (EXCERPT)**  
**DIVORCE**

**552.13 Alimony; costs; termination.**

Sec. 13. (1) In every action brought, either for a divorce or for a separation, the court may require either party to pay alimony for the suitable maintenance of the adverse party, to pay such sums as shall be deemed proper and necessary to conserve any real or personal property owned by the parties or either of them, and to pay any sums necessary to enable the adverse party to carry on or defend the action, during its pendency. It may award costs against either party and award execution for the same, or it may direct such costs to be paid out of any property sequestered, or in the power of the court, or in the hands of a receiver.

(2) An award of alimony may be terminated by the court as of the date the party receiving alimony remarries unless a contrary agreement is specifically stated in the judgment of divorce. Termination of an award under this subsection shall not affect alimony payments which have accrued prior to that termination.

**History:** R.S. 1846, Ch. 84;—CL 1857, 3234;—CL 1871, 4745;—How. 6235;—CL 1897, 8628;—CL 1915, 11404;—CL 1929, 12735;—CL 1948, 552.13;—Am. 1951, Act 18, Imd. Eff. Apr. 5, 1951;—Am. 1970, Act 182, Imd. Eff. Aug. 3, 1970;—Am. 1974, Act 364, Eff. Apr. 1, 1975.

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