

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 406

H. P. 929 House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Distribution of the Estates of
Decedents

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section seventeen of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "therefor" in the last line thereof the words, 'and the Judge of Probate may make such further allowance for the widow pending the administration of the estate as he deems necessary according to the degree and estate of her husband, which said allowance shall be deducted from the final distribution to said widow. And in addition to the allowance above specified the Judge of Probate shall, after the payment of the debts of the decedent, in all estates testate or intestate, solvent or insolvent, order distribution up to the first five thousand dollars remaining in said estate, one half to the widow and one half to the minor children of the decedent, and failing a widow the whole to the minor children; and failing minor children the whole of said five thousand dollars to the widow before any other distribution is made under the will or under the statutes of distribution effective in Maine. And the same rule shall apply to a widower,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. Widows' support and quarantine. A widow shall

have her reasonable sustenance out of the estate of her husband for ninety days after his death, and may remain in the house of her husband during said ninety days without being chargeable with rent therefor. And the Judge of Probate may make such further allowance for the widow pending the administration of the estate as he deems necessary according to the degree and estate of her husband, which said allowance shall be deducted from the final distribution to said widow. And in addition to the allowance above specified the Judge of Probate shall, after the payment of the debts of the decedent, in all estates, testate or intestate, solvent or insolvent, order distribution up to the first five thousand dollars remaining in said estate, one half to the widow and one half to the minor children of the decedent, and failing a widow the whole to the minor children; and failing minor children the whole of said five thousand dollars to the widow before any other distribution is made under the will or under the statutes of distribution effective in Maine. And the same rule shall apply to a widower.'