

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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## CHAP. 29.

## Chapter 29.

An act additional to chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes, relating to guardians.

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

Judge of probate may appoint guardian of married women in certain cases.

SECT. 1. The judge of probate of the county in which such person resides, may appoint the husband or some suitable person, guardian of any married woman, without inquisition being made by the municipal officers of the town, as provided in section fourth of chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes, when it shall be made to appear, after due notice and hearing, that such married woman has, or is entitled to property, which is in danger of being wasted or lost, or when it shall be made to appear to such judge, that such person, by reason of infirmity or mental incapacity is incompetent to manage her estate.

Special guardians may be appointed to institute or defend suits.

SECT. 2. When proceedings have been, or hereafter may be commenced in probate, in which any married woman is interested, and when on due notice and hearing the judge of said court shall be satisfied that such woman is incompetent, by reason of age or mental infirmity, to settle or manage or protect her rights, the judge may appoint her husband, or some suitable person as her guardian for such special purpose; and said guardian shall be authorized, in her name, to institute or defend any proceeding in law or in equity which he may deem necessary for the protection of the interest of his ward, or the recovery of her property, and no proceeding thus instituted, shall be delayed or otherwise disposed of, without the consent of such guardian.

When to take effect.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when it is approved by the governor.

[Approved March 25, 1858.]

## Chapter 30.

An act in relation to trustees of railroads.

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

Bondholders of railroads may elect trustees to fill vacancy.

SECT. 1. The holders of bonds of any railroad corporation in this state, at any regular meeting called and held in pursuance of the provisions of an act approved April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and entitled "an act providing for the foreclosure