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with the will annexed be responsible for the payments of said legacies on account of such claims.'

Sec. 13. R. S., c. 86, relating to civil action, etc., supplemented. Chapter eighty-six is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

'**Sec. 109. Actions barred when no administration for six years after death of decedent.** Where no administration is had upon the estate of a deceased person within six years from the date of death of said decedent, and no petition for administration is pending, all actions upon any claim against said decedent shall be barred.'

Sec. 14. Executor, administrator, etc., when deemed to be qualified. For the purposes of this act, an executor, administrator, guardian of an adult, or conservator, shall be deemed to be qualified when his bond has been filed and approved by the judge of probate; provided however, that in cases where no bond is required the date of appointment shall be deemed to be the date of qualification.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 134.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, and Providing for Kindergartens as Part of the Common School Course.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 30, relating to school age, supplemented. Section thirty of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words:

'Provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or town of a petition not less than one month before the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of thirty or more children between four and six years of age living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a kindergarten or kindergartens as a part of the common school course, and pupils shall be allowed to attend such a kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of four years; provided further, that unless the average daily attendance in any kindergarten shall be fifteen or more for any school year the superintending school committee, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, may discontinue the school; provided further, that no person shall be allowed to teach in any kindergarten maintained under the provisions of this section who has not completed at least a two years' course in kindergarten training and received a certificate or diploma from a recognized kindergarten training school approved by the state superintendent of public schools,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 30. Kindergartens to be established when petitioned for. Qualifications of teacher. The age of pupils allowed to attend the public schools of the state is hereby fixed between the ages of five and twenty-one years; and every child between the said ages shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, subject to such reasonable regulations as to the numbers and qualifications of pupils to be admitted to the respective schools and as to other school matters as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe; provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or town of a petition not less than one month before the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of thirty or more children between four and six years of age living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a kindergarten or kindergartens as a part of the common school course, and pupils shall be allowed to attend such a kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of four years; provided further, that unless the average daily attendance in any kindergarten shall be fifteen or more for any school year the superintending school committee, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, may discontinue the school; provided further, that no person shall be allowed to teach in any kindergarten maintained under the provisions of this section who has not completed at least a two years' course in kindergarten training and received a certificate or diploma from a recognized kindergarten training school approved by the state superintendent of public schools.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 135.

An Act to Amend Sections Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Notice by Public Utilities of Changes in Rates.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 28 and § 29, relating to change in public utility rates, amended. Sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 28. Thirty days' notice to be given commission. New rates to be filed thirty days before effective. Commission may use discretion. No change shall hereafter be made in any schedule, including schedules of joint rates, except upon thirty days' notice to the commission, and all such changes shall be plainly indicated upon existing schedules by filing new schedules in lieu thereof thirty days prior to the time the same are to take effect: Provided, that the commission may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, allow changes upon less than the notice herein specified, or modify the requirements of this section and the following section in respect to publishing, posting and filing of tariffs, either in par-