

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE  
**REVISED STATUTES**

OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED OCTOBER 22, 1840;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

**THE CONSTITUTIONS**

OF THE

*United States and of the State of Maine,*

AND TO WHICH ARE SUBJOINED THE OTHER

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1840 AND 1841,

WITH AN

**APPENDIX.**

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SECTION 1. If any minor, who has a father living, has property, which is sufficient for his maintenance and education, in a manner more expensive than his father can reasonably afford, regard being had to the situation of the father's family, and to all the circumstances of the case, the expenses of the maintenance and education of such child may be defrayed out of his own property, in whole or in part; and the charges therefor may be allowed accordingly, in the settlement of the guardian's account.

SECT. 2. Every father may, by his last will, appoint a guardian for his minor children, until the age of fourteen respectively.

SECT. 3. The mother of an illegitimate child shall have power to bind him, during the life time of the putative father, as well as after his decease.

SECT. 4. The power of the mother to bind legitimate, or illegitimate children, shall cease, in case of her subsequent marriage; and shall not be exercised during the continuance of such marriage, either by herself or her husband.

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2 Mass. 113,  
415.  
4 Mass. 97.

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Illegitimate child may be bound by the mother.  
2 Mass. 109.

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4 Mass. 675.

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