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## STATE OF MAINE,

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# TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

NO.14.

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# AN ACT

### IN ADDITION TO AN ACT

TO REGULATE

THE JURISDICTION AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# COURTS OF PROBATE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE.

#### AN ACT in addition to an Act to regulate the jurisdiction and proceedings of the Courts of Probate.

SECT. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House 2 of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That 3 whenever a person, being an Executor, Adminis-4 trator, or Guardian, whose trust shall not have 5 been fully executed at the time of appointment, 6 has been, or shall be, appointed and qualified as 7 Judge of the Court of Probate in and for the 8 County wherein his letters of executorship, ad-9 ministration or guardianship were granted, it shall 10 be lawful for said Executor, Administrator, or 11 Guardian to continue and fulfil his said trust, and 12 all the proceedings and acts to be had and done, 13 subsequent to his appointment as Judge, by said 14 Executor, Administrator or Guardian, in and by 15 a Court of Probate, touching his said trust, shall 16 be had and done by a Court of Probate in an ad-17 joining County, and each of the Courts of Probate

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18 in the adjoining Counties is vested with jurisdic-19 tion thereof; but the record of said proceedings 20 and acts shall be made in the Registry of Probate 21 in the County wherein the letters aforesaid are re-22 corded.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That the 2 Judges of Probate in the respective Counties may 3 appoint special Courts, whenever cases occur 4 which, in their judgment, render it necessary, in 5 addition to the fixed days which are to be made 6 known by public notification; and may adjourn 7 their regular Courts to any time not beyond the 8 next regular Court day; and in case of the ab-9 sence of the Judge, by reason of sickness or other-10 wise, or vacancy in the office of Judge, the Register 11 of Probate may adjourn the Court, by posting 12 notification thereof at the Probate Office, till the 13 Judge can attend.

SECT. 3. Be it further enacted, That whenever 2 any Judge of any Court of Probate within this 3 State may have been or shall hereafter be removed 4 from office, by sudden death or otherwise, and 5 thereby have been prevented from signing any 6 decree or decrees by him made, as Judge of Pro-7 bate, or from certifying any other official act by 8 him performed, it shall be the duty of the Register 9 of Probate in such County to make record thereof, 10 in such manner as if the same had been duly SENATE-No. 14.

11 signed and certified by said Judge, in his life time 12 or while in office. And it shall be the duty of the 13 Judge of Probate who shall be appointed to fill 14 the vacancy occasioned as aforesaid, upon accept-15 ing the trust, to examine said decrees and certifi-16 cates as soon as may be, and if the same, and the 17 proceedings connected therewith, shall be found 18 correct, and otherwise conformable to law, it shall 19 be his duty to confirm the same, and when so con-20 firmed shall be valid to all intents and purposes, 21 and to the same extent as they would have been if 22 the same had been duly signed by his predecessor 23 while in office.

SECT. 4. Be it further enacted, That this 2 Act shall take effect and be in force from and after 3 its approval by the Governor. . .

### STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 15, 1841.

Laid on the table, and ordered, That 500 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST,

DANIEL SANBORN, Secretary.

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