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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 863

House of Representatives, February 27, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Contracts for Support.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 303, additional. Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 303, to read as follows:

§ 303. Contracts for support

All contracts for support shall be approved by the probate court in the county in which the support is to be rendered. The probate court shall grant approval after such notice as the court shall determine to be appropriate, if the court shall find, after hearing, that the contract is just and equitable under all of the circumstances.

A contract or agreement for support without such probate court approval shall not be received in evidence unless the person offering the contract or agreement shall establish by clear and convincing evidence that the contract or agreement is just and equitable under all of the circumstances.

The probate court shall declare void a bequest or devise which it shall find to have been made pursuant to an agreement or contract for support which shall not have been approved as provided in this section.