

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1202

House of Representatives, April 4, 1977

On motion of Mr. Spencer of Standish, referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Granting Administration of an Intestate's Goods or  
Estate under the Law of Decedent's Estates.**

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

18 MRSA § 1551, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 20, is further amended to read :

**§ 1551. Letters of administration**

Upon the death of any person intestate, the judge having jurisdiction shall grant administration of such intestate's goods or estate to the widow, widower, husband, next of kin, ~~or~~ husband of the daughter of the deceased, or wife of the son of the deceased, or to 2 or more of them, as he thinks fit, if the applicants are more than 18 years old and are in other respects qualified for the trust, but if unsuitable or being residents in the county they, after due notice, neglect or refuse for 30 days from the death of the intestate to take out letters of administration, he may commit administration on such estate to such person as he deems suitable.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to provide for the granting of administration of an intestate's goods or estate to a widower or wife of the son of the deceased among others now authorized by law as the judge having jurisdiction thinks fit.