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# FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 113.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT giving to widowed mothers the custody of minor children and the control of their earnings.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. All the rights which fathers have to the  
2 custody of minor children and to the control and dis-  
3 posal of their earnings, are hereby given to and con-  
4 ferred upon widowed mothers ; *provided* that such  
5 minor children have no guardian duly appointed under  
6 the laws of this state.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 20, 1868. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. HALE  
of Ellsworth.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*