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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 90.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section one, of chapter 62, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Masters, Apprentices and Servants.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter sixty-two of the 2 Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by striking out from 3 the first three lines thereof, the following words, namely: 4 "Children under the age of fourteen, may be bound as 5 apprentices or servants, until that age, without their con-6 sent, by their father, if living, if not, by their mother or 7 legal guardian," and inserting in place thereof the follow-

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8 ing: 'In all cases where the care of the person, and the 9 education of minors under fourteen years of age have 10 been entrusted to the parents, or to either of them, or to 11 a legal guardian, under the provisions of section third of 12 chapter sixty-seven, of the Revised Statutes, such chil-13 dren may be bound as apprentices or servants, until that 14 age, without their consent, by the parents or parent so 15 entrusted; or by the guardian so entrusted, with the 16 approval of the judge of probate, and in all other cases, 17 such children may be bound as apprentices or servants, 18 until that age, without their consent, by their father and 19 mother, if living; if either has deceased, by the survivor. 20 If both have deceased, by the legal guardian with the 21 approval of the judge of probate as aforesaid." So that 22 said section as amended, shall read as follows, namely :

'Section 1. In all cases where the care of the person, 24 and the education of minors under fourteen years of age 25 have been entrusted to the parents, or to either of them, 26 or to a legal guardian, under the provisions of section 27 third of chapter sixty-seven, of the Revised Statutes, such 28 children may be bound as apprentices or servants, until 29 that age, without their consent, by the parents or parent 30 so entrusted, or by the guardian so entrusted with the 31 approval of the judge of probate and in all other cases, 32 such children may be bound as apprentices or servants, 33 until that age, without their consent, by their father and 34 mother, if living; if either has deceased, by the survivor; 35 if both have deceased, by the legal guardian with the 36 approval of the judge of probate as aforesaid; and if they 37 have no parent or guardian, they may bind themselves, 38 with the approbation of the municipal officers of the town 39 where they reside. The indenture shall, on the part of 40 such parents or guardians, continue in force for the time 41 mentioned in the following section, provided that the 42 children, on reaching the age of fourteen, give their con-43 sent, as provided in said section.'

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House of Representatives, February 8, 1895.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.