

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 305

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT relating to claims against the estates of deceased
persons.

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

Section 1. Section 53 of chapter 64 of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out from lines 10,
3 11 and 12, the following words. ‘‘The claimant may
4 make similar application, and the same proceedings shall,
5 after notice to the other party, be had thereon, if payment
6 is refused, or is not made within thirty days after demand ;’
7 so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 53. When one or more claims against the estate
9 of a person deceased, though not insolvent, are deemed

10 by the executor or administrator to be exorbitant, unjust
11 or illegal, an application in writing to the judge of pro
12 bate, and after notice to the claimants, the judge, if upon
13 hearing, is satisfied that the allegations in said applica-
14 are true, may appoint two or more commissioners, who
15 shall, after being duly sworn, and after notifying the
16 parties as directed in their commission, meet at a con-
17 venient time and place, and determine whether any and
18 what amount shall be allowed on each claim, and report
19 to him at such time as he may limit. Sections five, six,
20 seven, eight, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, sixteen and
21 seventeen of chapter sixty-six, apply to such claims, and
22 the proceedings thereon. No action shall be maintained
23 on any claim so committed, unless proved before said
24 commissioners; and their report on all such claims shall
25 be final, saving the right of appeal.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 12, 1903.

Reported by Mr. SMITH of Presque Isle, from Committee on the
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.