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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 449

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to defense of actions brought against administrators and executors.

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

- Section 1. When suit has been brought against an execu-
- 2 tor or administrator, any of the heirs, devisees or legatees of
- 3 the deceased may personally or by attorney, petition the court
- 4 for leave to defend the suit, setting forth the facts as he
- 5 believes them to be and his reasons for so desiring to defend,
- 6 and the court may grant or refuse such leave.
 - Sect. 2. If leave is granted, the petitioner shall give to the
- 2 administrator or executor bond in such sum as the court
- 3 orders, to hold the administrator or executor harmless for
- 4 any damages or costs occasioned by the suit or by said

- 5 defense; and an entry of record shall be made that he is
- 6 admitted to defend such suit.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives, Augusta, March 19, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.