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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 536

In Senate, March 17, 1913.

Reported by Senator Cole from Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 19, Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties of Registrars of Probate.

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

Section 1. Section 19, Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes 2 is hereby amended by adding the following: 'and they may

- 3 act as auditors of accounts when requested so to do by the
- 4 judge of probate', so that said section will read as follows:

Sect. 19. Register of probate are elected or appointed as 6 provided in the constitution. Their election is effected and 7 determined as is provided respecting county commissioners 8 by chapter eighty, and they enter upon the discharge of their

9 duties on the first day of January following; but the term 10 of those appointed to fill vacancies commence immediately. II All registers, before acting, shall give bond to the treasurer 12 of their county with sufficient sureties, in not less than one 13 hundred, nor more than one thousand dollars, at the discre-14 tion of the judge, who shall certify his approval thereon; 15 and every register, having executed such bond, shall file it 16 in the office of clerk of the county commissioners of his 17 county, to be presented to them at their next meeting for 18 approval, and after the bond has been so approved, the clerk 19 shall record it and certify the fact thereon, and retaining a 20 copy thereof, deliver the original to the register, who shall 21 deliver it to the treasurer of the county, within ten days af-22 ter its approval to be filed in his office; they have the care 23 and custody of all files, papers and books belonging to the 24 probate office; and shall duly record all wills proved, letters 25 of administration or guardianship granted, bonds approved, 26 accounts allowed, and such orders and decrees of the judge, 27 and other matters, as he directs. They shall keep a docket 28 of all probate cases, and shall, under the appropriate head-29 ing of each case, make entries of each motion, order, decree 30 and proceeding, so that at all times the docket shall show 31 the exact condition of each case, and they may act as audi-32 tors of accounts when requested so to do by judge of pro-33 bate, and their decision shall be final unless appeal is taken 34 in the manner and form as other probate appeals.'