

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 342

House of Representatives, Feb. 24, 1915.

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to Amend Sections Nineteen and Twenty of Chapter
Sixty-five of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Bond and
Records of the Registers of Probate.

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

Section 1. Section nineteen of chapter sixty-five of the re-
vised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the sev-
enth, eighth and ninth lines of said section the words, "in
not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thou-
sand dollars, at the discretion of the judge, who shall certify
his approval thereon;" and by inserting in place thereof the
words 'the sum of one thousand dollars,' and by inserting af-
ter the word "allowed" in the eighteenth line of said section

9 the words, 'all petitions for distribution and decrees thereon,
10 and all petitions, decrees and licenses relating to the sale,
11 exchange, lease or mortgage of real estate, and all petitions
12 and decrees relating to adoption and change of name,' so
13 that said section nineteen as amended shall read as follows.

'Sect. 19. Registers of probate are elected or appointed
15 as provided in the constitution. Their election is effected
16 and determined as is provided respecting county commis-
17 sioners by chapter eighty, and they enter upon the discharge
18 of their duties on the first day of January following; but
19 the term of those appointed to fill vacancies commences im-
20 mediately. All registers, before acting, shall give bond to
21 the treasurer of their county with sufficient sureties, in the
22 sum of one thousand dollars; and every register, having ex-
23 ecuted such bond, shall file it in the office of the clerk of the
24 county commissioners of his county, to be presented to them
25 at their next meeting for approval, and after the bond has
26 been so approved, the clerk shall record it and certify the
27 fact thereon, and retaining a copy thereof, deliver the origi-
28 nal to the register, who shall deliver it to the treasurer of
29 the county, within ten days after its approval, to be filed in
30 his office; they have the care and custody of all files, papers
31 and books, belonging to the probate office; and shall duly
32 record all wills proved, letters of administration or guar-
33 dianship granted, bonds approved, accounts allowed, all pe-
34 titions for distribution and decrees thereon, and all petitions,
35 decrees and licenses relating to the sale, exchange, lease or

36 mortgage of real estate, and all petitions, and decrees relat-
37 ing to adoption and change of name, and such orders and de-
38 crees of the judge, and other matters, as he directs. They
39 shall keep a docket of all probate cases, and shall, under the
40 appropriate heading of each case, make entries of each mo-
41 tion, order, decree and proceeding, so that at all times the
42 docket shall show the exact condition of each case.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty of chapter sixty-five of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the words
3 " shall be" in the first line of said section, the following
4 words, 'to account according to law for all fees received by
5 him or payable to him by virtue of his office and to pay the
6 same to the county treasurer quarterly, as provided by law,'
7 so that said section twenty as amended shall read as follows.

'Sect. 20. The condition of such bond shall be to account
9 according to law for all fees received by him or payable to
10 him by virtue of his office and to pay the same to the county
11 treasurer quarterly, as provided by law ; for keeping up, sea-
12 sonably and in good order, the records of the court : making
13 and keeping correct and convenient alphabets of the records,
14 and for the faithful discharge of all other duties of the of-
15 fice ; and, if such register forfeits his bond, he is thenceforth
16 disqualified from holding said office, and neglect to complete
17 his records for more than six months at any one time, sick-
18 ness or extraordinary casualty excepted, shall be adjudged
19 a forfeiture.'