

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 490

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*House of Representatives, March 3, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Pierce of Houlton.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Chap. 161 of the Public Laws of 1913 relating to payment of small legacies to Minors under Decree of Court.

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

Chapter one hundred and sixty-one of the public laws of  
2 nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking  
3 out the word "one" in the seventh line thereof and inserting  
4 in place thereof the word 'two', so that said act, as amended,  
5 shall read as follows:

Whenever, under any decree or order of the Supreme Ju-  
7 dicial Court of this state, or of any justice thereof, in term  
8 time or in vacation, or of any judge of any probate court

9 in this state, any receiver, master, executor, administrator,  
10 trustee, guardian, or other person acting under authority of  
11 either of said courts, or any justice or judge thereof, shall  
12 have in his hands any funds not exceeding two hundred dol-  
13 lars to be distributed or paid to any person under the age  
14 of twenty-one years, not having a guardian legally ap-  
15 pointed in this state, payment may be made directly to such  
16 minor, if such minor be ten years of age and such minor's  
17 receipt therefor shall be a sufficient voucher for such pay-  
18 ment in the settlement in court of any account by the party  
19 who makes such payment, and shall discharge and release  
20 him from any and all further liability on account of the  
21 same. When said minor is under ten years of age the pay-  
22 ment may be made to either parent at the discretion of said  
23 person paying said money; provided, however, that where  
24 the money is paid directly to said minor the person paying  
25 the same may, in his discretion, require on such receipt the  
26 counter signature of one or both of the parents of such  
27 minor, and when the minor is under ten years of age the  
28 person paying the same shall receive the receipt of either  
29 or both parents, or if neither parent is living may withhold  
30 payment until further order of court, or until the appoint-  
31 ment of a guardian.'