

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 743

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STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act providing for the setting off of debts of legatees and distributees against legacies and distributive shares in estates of deceased persons.

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

A debt, whether matured or not, due to the estate of a deceased person from a legatee or distributee of such estate, creates a lien on the legacy or distributive share, having priority of any attachment or transfer of such legacy or share, and shall be set off against, and deducted from, the legacy of such legatee, or from the distributive share of such distributee; and the probate court shall, after due notice, hear and determine the validity and amount of any such debt, and

9 may make all necessary or proper decrees and orders to
10 effect such set-off or deduction; but the provisions of this
11 section shall not prejudice any remedy of an executor or ad-
12 ministrator for the recovery of such debt, nor affect the lia-
13 bility of the legatee or distributee for the excess of his in-
14 debtedness over the amount of his share in, or claim upon,
15 the estate to which he is indebted.