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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 383

House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Houlton, referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stubbs of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relating to widow's allowance.

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

Section fourteen of chapter seventy of the Revised Stat-

- 2 utes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
 - 'Or in lieu of said allowance, when in the discretion of the
- 2 judge it shall seem advisable so to do, he may appoint a
- 3 trustee and place in his hands such portion of said personal
- 4 property as he deems necessary to aid in the support of said
- 5 widow, and the income thereof, and such portion of the

6 principal as he deems necessary shall be paid to said widow 7 by the said trustee, at such times and in such manner as 8 the judge shall order and direct. The judge is authorized 9 and empowered to amend or annul said decree at any time 10 after due notice and hearing. All unexpended balances shall 11 at the decease of said widow or annulment of said decree 12 revert to the estate of the husband.'

Sect. nineteen of chapter seventy of the Revised Statutes 2 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section 3 and inserting in place thereof:

'Sect. 19. Upon the death of a wife whose estate is solvent 2 the judge may make an allowance to her husband, or in lieu 3 thereof create a trust, from her personal estate in the same 4 manner as to a widow from the estate of her husband.'