

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 165

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W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Gillin of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relating to the Probate of Foreign Wills.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: When a duly authenticated copy of a will from any state 2 or country where probate is not required by the laws of 3 such state or country, with a duly authenticated certificate 4 of the legal custodian of such original will that the same 5 is a true copy, and such original will has become operative 6 by the laws of such state or country, and when a copy of 7 a notarial will in possession of a notary in a foreign state 8 or country entitled to the custody thereof (the laws of

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9 which state or country require that such will remain in the 10 custody of such notary), duly authenticated by such notary, 11 is presented by the executor or other persons interested to 12 the proper court in this state, such court shall appoint a 13 time and place of hearing and notice thereof shall be given 14 as in case of an original will presented for probate.

If it appears to the court that the instrument ought to be 2 allowed in this state, as the last will and testament of the 3 deceased, the copy shall be filed and recorded, and the will 4 shall have the same effect as if originally proved and allowed 5 in the said court.