

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 168

In Senate, March 2, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Buzzell of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Proof of Claims.

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

Section five, chapter seventy-one, of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "belief"
3 in the fourth line, the following: "the commissioners may
4 require a claimant to be sworn and may examine him on
5 all matters relating to his claim and administer oaths to
6 claimants and witnesses," and inserting in place thereof
7 the following: 'commissioners may administer oaths to wit-
8 nesses and examine them on all matters relating to such
9 claim,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Presentation and proof of claims. R. S. c. 68,

2 sec. 5, 1915 c. 3. Claims must be presented in writing,
3 supported by affidavit of the claimant or of some person
4 cognizant thereof, stating what security the claimant has,
5 if any, and the amount of credit to be given, according to
6 his best knowledge and belief. The commissioner may ad-
7 minister oaths to witnesses and examine them on all mat-
8 ters relating to such claim. Any claim filed in the registry
9 of probate supported by affidavit as provided in section
10 fourteen of chapter ninety-two shall be considered as if pre-
11 sented to said commissioners, provided the same is so filed
12 before the expiration of the six months period named in
13 the preceding section. Before making their report said
14 commissioners shall adjudicate upon all claims so filed.'