

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 179

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 to Amend Section One, Chapter Sixty-eight, Revised Statutes, Relating to Appointment, Powers and Duties of Executors and Administrators.

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

Section one of chapter sixty-eight of the revised statutes 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "value" in 3 the fourth line the words 'except upon petition of the attor- 4 ney general for the purpose of facilitating the collection 5 of inheritance taxes,' so that said section, as amended, shall 6 read as follows:

'Section 1. No administration shall be granted on the 2 estate of any intestate deceased person, unless it appears

3 to the judge that he left personal estate to the amount of
4 at least twenty dollars, or owed debts to that amount, and
5 left real estate of that value, except upon petition of the
6 attorney general for the purpose of facilitating the collec-
7 tion of inheritance taxes; and when no administration is
8 granted for want of such estate, the personal property of
9 the deceased becomes the property of the widow, or, if
10 none, of the next of kin, who are not, in such case, charge-
11 able as executors in their own wrong. After twenty years
12 from the death of any person, no probate of his last will,
13 or administration on his estate shall be originally granted
14 except as provided in the following section, unless it appears
15 that there are moneys due to said estate from the State of
16 Maine or the United States; but this does not apply to for-
17 eign wills previously proved and allowed in another state
18 or country.'