

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Administration upon Estates of Persons  
Who Have Disappeared and Been Unheard From for a  
Period of at Least Seven Years from the Date of Disappearance.

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

If a person entitled to, or having an interest in personal  
2 property within the jurisdiction of this state, has disap-  
3 peared from the place within this state where he was last  
4 known to be, or reside, and his disappearance is followed  
5 by a continued absence for a period of not less than seven  
6 years from the date of disappearance, during which period  
7 he is unheard from; if a petition is made to the probate  
8 court in the county in which said person last resided, or

9 left said property of the value of at least twenty dollars,  
10 which petition shall allege the disappearance, continued ab-  
11 sence and presumption of the death of said person, and  
12 request the allowance of the will of said person, if he left  
13 one, or the appointment of an administrator, if he is alleged  
14 to have died intestate; and the said probate court, after  
15 notice and hearing thereon, shall issue letters testamentary  
16 or of administration upon his estate; then any payment due  
17 the estate of said person made to the executor or adminis-  
18 trator thereof, after demand in writing, shall be valid, and  
19 the receipt or release given by said executor or administrator  
20 shall be a bar to any further or other action therefor.