

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Allowances to Widows

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

Section fourteen of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "any" in the second line thereof and inserting in place of said word "any" the words, 'all estates including.' And by inserting after the word "therefrom" in the last line thereof the following words, 'and the same allowance may be made to the guardian of minors for the benefit of the minor children of a decedent should the widow be deceased,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 14. Allowance to widows from personal estate. In the settlement of all estates including intestate estate, or of any testate estate which is insolvent, or in which no provision is made for the widow in the will of her husband, or when she duly waives the provision made, the judge may allow the widow so much of the personal estate, besides her ornaments and wearing apparel, as he deems necessary, according to the degree and estate of her husband, and the state of the family under her care; he may also allow her any one pew in a meeting-house, of which the deceased died seized; and such allowance, when recorded, vests the title in her; and when an estate, which at the time of said allowance, was considered in-

solvent, ultimately appears to be solvent, the judge by a subsequent decree may make the widow a further reasonable allowance. And when, after any allowance has been made from any estate, additional personal property belonging to said estate comes to the knowledge of the judge, he may make a further allowance to her therefrom. And the same allowance may be made to the guardian of minors for the benefit of the minor children of a decedent should the widow be deceased.'