

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 105

House of Representatives, January 15, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burnham of Kittery.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Property Rights of Surviving Spouses.**

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

**R. S., c. 89, § 1, ¶ I, amended.** Sub-division 1 of section 1 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

'If he leaves a widow and issue, one-third to the widow. If no issue, ~~one-half~~ **\$4,000 of the value thereof and also  $\frac{1}{2}$  the value of the remainder above said \$4,000** to the widow. And if no kindred, the whole to the widow. And to the widower shall descend the same shares in his wife's real estate. There shall likewise descend to the widow or widower the same share in all such real estate of which the deceased was seized during coverture, and which has not been barred or released as herein provided. In any event, 1-3 shall descend to the widow or widower free from payment of debts.'