

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 7, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY S. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of Probate Judges to Grant Administration on Estates.

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

R. S., c. 141, § 1.—Section 1 of chapter 141 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 1. Limitation as to minimum amount of property; as to period of time since death.** No administration shall be granted on the estate of any intestate deceased person, unless it appears to the judge that he left personal estate to the amount of at least \$20, or owed debts to that amount, and left real estate of that value; **except that in the discretion of the judge, administration where otherwise not required may be granted on the estate of any intestate deceased person, for the purpose of assisting in the establishing of titles to real estate;** and when no administration is granted for the want of such estate, the personal property of the deceased becomes the property of the widow, or, if none, of the next of kin, who are not, in such case, chargeable as executors in their own wrong. After 20 years from the death of any person, no probate of his last will or administration on his estate shall be originally granted except as provided in the following section, unless it appears that there are moneys due to said estate from this state or the United States; but this does not apply to foreign wills previously proved and allowed in another state or country.’