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House of Representatives, February 13, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Settlement of Suits By or Against Infants.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 31, amended. Section 31 of chapter 145 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 31. Settlement of suit not to be valid unless approved by court; authority of court. No settlement of any suit brought in behalf of an infant by next friend or defended on his behalf by guardian or guardian ad litem shall be valid unless approved by the court in which the action is pending, or to which the writ is returnable, or affirmed by an entry or judgment. The court may make all necessary orders for protecting the interests of the infant, and may require the guardian ad litem or next friend to give bond to truly account for all money received in behalf of the infant. When the court in which such suit is pending or to which it is returnable is in vacation, the judge of that court, or, if the suit is pending in or returnable to the superior court, any justice of the superior court, shall have the power to approve a settlement of said suit and to make all necessary orders for protecting the interests of the infant and may require the giving of a bond as above provided.'