

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 31, 1951.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Delahanty of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Rules of Descent.

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

**R. S., c. 156, § 1, sub-§ I, amended.** The 3rd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of subsection I of section 1 of chapter 156 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 439 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Whenever it shall appear, upon petition to the probate court of any party in interest, and after such notice as the court shall order, and after a hearing thereon, that the whole amount of the estate of the deceased, as found by the inventory and upon such other evidence as the court shall deem necessary, does not exceed the sum of \$5,000 over and above the amount necessary to pay **the widow’s or widower’s allowance**, the debts of the deceased, funeral charges and charges of administration, the court shall itself by decree determine the value of said estate, which decree shall be binding upon all parties.’