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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bernier of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Powers and Duties of Special Administrators.

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

R. S., c. 154, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 56. Powers and duties. The special administrator shall collect all the good, chattels and debts of the deceased, control and cause to be improved all his real estate, collect the rents and profits thereof and preserve them for the executor or administrator thereafter appointed; and for that purpose may maintain suits and sell such perishable and other goods as the judge orders; and shall have such powers to vote stock owned by the deceased as the deceased would have if living, at all corporation meetings, and the authority to sell and transfer any specific rights which may have accrued to the estate of said deceased as such stockholder and the judge may authorize and direct that the business of the deceased, in whole or in part shall, for a limited time to be determined by him, be carried on by such special administrator as a going business; pay the expenses of the funeral and last sickness and of his administration; debts preferred under the laws of the United States; public rates and taxes, and money due the State from the deceased; and pay to the widow **or widower**, if any, and if not, to the guardian of the children under 14 years of age, for their temporary support, such sums as the judge orders, having regard to the State and the amount of the property; and sums so paid to the widow, **widower** or guardian shall be deducted, if the estate is solvent, from the share of the widow, **widower** or children, but if insolvent, shall be considered by the judge in his allowance to them.'