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S. P. 566

In Senate, May 8, 1957.

Reported by Senator Woodcock of Penobscot from Committee on Judiciary and printed under joint rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Beneficial Devises, Bequests and Legacies to Subscribing Witnesses.**

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

**R. S., c. 169, § 1, amended.** Section one of chapter 169 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Will, by whom and how made.** A person of sound mind and of the age of 21 years and a married person, widow, widower of any age may dispose of his real and personal estate by will, in writing, signed by him, or by some person for him at his request and in his presence, and subscribed in his presence by 3 or more credible attesting witnesses ~~not beneficially interested under said will.~~ **All beneficial devises, bequests and legacies to a subscribing witness are void except that if such interested witness would be entitled to any share of the estate in case the person making the will had died intestate, he shall take only that part of the devise or bequest made to him in the will that equals but does not exceed in value the share of the estate of the person making the will which he would have taken if such person had died intestate.'**