

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1832.

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1832.

Acts passed 21st
of February and
5th of March,
1829, repealed.

Courts, passed the twenty first day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, and also an Act entitled An additional Act respecting the appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts, passed the fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine be and hereby are repealed.

Clerks now in
office shall hold
their office four
years from the
time of their ap-
pointments.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all Clerks now in office, appointed by virtue of the Acts hereby repealed, shall hold and exercise their aforesaid offices for the term of four years from the time of their respective appointments, and no longer, unless reappointed by the Governor with consent of Council. But all such Clerks shall be at all times subject to removal by the Governor, with consent of Council.

Subject to re-
moval by the
Governor and
Council.

[Approved by the Governor, February 15, 1832.]

Chapter 12.

AN ACT to alter the time of holding a meeting of the County Commissioners in the County of Penobscot.

Meeting to be
held on the first
Tuesday of Au-
gust, annually.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Penobscot shall hereafter be held at Bangor in and for said County on the first Tuesday of August in each year instead of the first Tuesday of September as now by law established.

[Approved by the Governor, February 18, 1832.]

Chapter 13.

AN ACT in addition to the several Acts to regulate the jurisdiction and proceedings of Courts of Probate.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That whenever request shall be made to the

Judge of Probate of any County by the friends, relations or creditors of any person, who has rendered, or shall hereafter render himself or herself incapable of managing, directing and properly taking care of his or her estate, either personal or real, by excessive drinking, gaming or debauchery, or whenever such request shall be made by the overseers of the poor within the town where such person resides, such Judge of Probate shall direct the Selectmen of such town to make inquisition thereinto, and if the person, represented to be incapable as aforesaid, shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said town, or the major part of them, to be incapable as aforesaid, and they shall certify the same under their hands, to the Judge, said Judge of Probate, after giving due notice to such person, may at his discretion appoint some suitable person or persons to be guardian or guardians to the person rendered incapable as aforesaid, directing and empowering such guardian or guardians to direct, manage and take care of the estate, both real and personal, of such person, and to make a true and perfect inventory of the same upon oath, to be returned into and filed in the Probate Office of such County, as soon as may be, and such guardian or guardians shall, before entering upon the discharge of said duties, file a good and sufficient bond for the faithful administration thereof with said Judge, and in such sum as the said Judge may order.

Request, by whom made, &c.

When persons render themselves incapable of taking care of their estates, what proceedings shall be had.

Duty of Judge of Probate.

Duty of Selectmen.

Guardians may be appointed.

Their power and duty.

They shall give bond.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, suspected of concealing, embezzling or conveying away any of the money, goods or chattels of the person subjected to guardianship, as mentioned in the first section of this act, shall be proceeded against in the same way and manner, as is by law prescribed for persons suspected of concealing, embezzling or conveying away the money, goods or effects of deceased persons.

Persons suspected of embezzling the property of the person subjected to guardianship, how to be proceeded against.

[Approved by the Governor, February 18, 1832.]