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CHAP. 96.**Chapter 96.**

An act to amend section one, of chapter eighty-four of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, relating to letters of administration.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Amendment.

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter eighty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby amended by striking out the words, "and that letters testamentary have not been taken out thereon, nor letters of administration granted with the will annexed, to any person or persons," so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Wills destroyed by fire, provisions for.

'SECT. 1. Whenever it shall clearly appear to the judge of probate within and for the county of Cumberland, that a will was made and probated, and destroyed by the fire in Portland on the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and that said will cannot be proved by attested copy thereof, and that the person so deceased has left estate which should be administered upon for the payment of debts and other charges, said judge of probate may grant special administration upon said estate to some suitable person, who shall be clothed with all the powers and subject to all the duties now granted by law to special administrators.'

Special administration may be granted.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 11, 1873.

**Chapter 97.**

An act relating to the change of names of persons.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Names may be changed by judge of probate.

SECT. 1. Whenever any person in this state desires to change his or her name, such person may petition therefor to the judge of probate of the county in which he or she resides ; and such judge of probate is hereby authorized and empowered to change the name of such person, and shall make and preserve a record thereof.

Notice of, may be given.

SECT. 2. Whenever the judge of probate before granting any such petition, deems it expedient that notice thereof be given, such notice shall be given as the judge may order.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 11, 1873.