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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1887.

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widow or her solicitor of record, and transmit a certified copy of the decree to the proper probate court, where it shall be recorded, with the time of its reception,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Widow may
waive husband's
will.

—time for mak-
ing election,
extended.

'SECT. 5. When a specific provision is made for a widow in her husband's will, she shall, within six months after probate thereof, make her election, whether to accept it or claim her dower, but is not entitled to both, unless it appears by the will that the testator plainly so intended. Whenever the widow is advised that the legal construction of the provisions of the will for her is doubtful or uncertain, the time for making her election shall be extended to thirty days after certificate to the probate court in the county where the probate proceedings are had, of the final decision by the supreme judicial court upon a bill in equity, commenced by her within thirty days after the probate of the will, to obtain the instruction of the court as to her rights under it, but in no case shall the time for election be less than six months after probate. The clerk of the courts for the county in which the proceedings in equity are commenced, within three days after receipt of the decision therein, shall send notice of the same to the widow or her solicitor of record, and transmit a certified copy of the decree to the proper probate court, where it shall be recorded, with the time of its reception.'

Approved March 10, 1887.

Chapter 89.

An Act to amend section twenty-four of chapter sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to allowances to Widows.

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

Sec. 24, ch. 65,
R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section twenty-four of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Widow shall
have reasonable
sustenance for
ninety days, in
her husband's
house.

'SECT. 24. A widow shall have her reasonable sustenance out of the estate of her husband for ninety days after his death, and may remain in the house of her husband during said ninety days without being chargeable with rent therefor.'

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

Approved March 11, 1887.