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Chapter 40.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-six of Chapter Seventy of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Time of Payment of Legacies.

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

R. S., c. 70, § 26; relating to the time when legacies are payable, amended. That section twenty-six of chapter seventy of the revised statutes be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the words "one year" in the second and fifth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'twenty months,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 26. Payable in twenty months after final allowance of will, instead of one year. Legacies shall be payable in twenty months after final allowance of the will; but such payments shall not be affected by any claims presented to the executor, or administrator with the will annexed, or filed in the probate office, after the expiration of said twenty months and after such payment; nor shall the executor or administrator with the will annexed be responsible for the payments of said legacies on account of such claims, unless he has failed to give notice of his appointment as required by law and the judge of probate.'

Approved March 8, 1919.

Chapter 41.

An Act Relating to the Marriage of Persons having Syphilis.

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

Sec. 1. Syphilitic persons not to marry. No person having syphilis shall marry until he has a certificate from the attending physician or physicians that he is cured of syphilis. The state board of health is hereby empowered to make regulations prescribing the methods to be employed in diagnosing said disease.

Sec. 2. Physicians to keep record of syphilitic cases; shall notify health officer of intention of persons so affected to marry. Every physician shall keep a record of all cases of syphilis that come under his observation and care, and shall use reasonable means to ascertain the intentions of syphilitic patients as to marriage. The physician shall warn said patients of the legal, moral and physical evils of marriage contracted by them. If the physician learns that a patient as aforesaid has filed intentions of marriage as required by law, or if the physician believes that the patient as aforesaid intends to marry, the physician shall notify the local board of health or the health officer in the town or city in which the patient resides, who are hereby empowered to notify the other party to the intended marriage.

Sec. 3. Penalty for violations; court jurisdiction. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of sections one and two and any physician