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any, for a period of at least two years after the making of any loan recorded therein.'

Sec. 141. P. L., 1917, c. 298, sec. 8; relating to limitation of amount of loan and rate of interest, amended. Section eight of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding after the word "month" in the sixth line of said section the words 'provided, however, that a minimum charge of not exceeding twenty-five cents shall be allowable in all cases,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 8. Amount of loan and rate of interest limited; minimum charge of twenty-five cents permitted.** Every person, copartnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or choses in action not exceeding in amount or value the sum of three hundred dollars, and may charge, contract for and receive thereon interest at a rate not to exceed three and one-half per centum per month; provided, however, that a minimum charge of not exceeding twenty-five cents shall be allowable in all cases. No person shall owe any licensee at any time more than three hundred dollars for principal.'

Sec. 142. Repealing clause; R. S., c. 52; R. S., c. 40, sec. 11-23; and all inconsistent statutes repealed. Chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes, sections eleven to twenty-three, inclusive, of chapter forty of the revised statutes, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, 1923.

Chapter 145.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Sixty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Commissioners on Disputed Claims in the Probate Court.

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

R. S., c. 68, sec. 55; relating to appointment of special commissioners on disputed claims against estates, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter sixty-eight of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by inserting after the word "fourteen" in the tenth line thereof the word 'fifteen,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 55. Section 15, of R. S., c. 71, made applicable.** When one or more claims against the estate of a person deceased, though not insolvent, are deemed by the executor or administrator to be exorbitant, unjust or illegal, on application in writing to the judge of probate, and after notice to the claimants, the judge, if upon hearing, he is satisfied that the alle-

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gations in said application are true, may appoint two or more commissioners, who shall, after being duly sworn, and after notifying the parties as directed in their commission, meet at a convenient time and place and determine whether any and what amount shall be allowed on each claim, and report to him at such time as he may limit. Sections five, six, seven, eight, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen and seventeen of chapter seventy-one apply to such claims, and the proceedings thereon. No action shall be maintained on any claim so committed unless proved before said commissioners; and their report on all such claims shall be final, saving the right of appeal.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

Chapter 146.

An Act to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Seventy of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Allowance to Minor Children.

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

R. S., c. 70, sec. 18; relating to allowances to minor children, if no widow, in insolvent estates, amended. Section eighteen of chapter seventy of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out after the word "estates" in the first line thereof, the words "if there is no widow," and in the seventh line, after the word "estates," the words "where there is no widow," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 18. Allowances to minor children may be made in cases where deceased left a widow.** In all insolvent estates, the judge may make a like allowance from the personal estate to the minor children of the deceased, under fourteen years of age; and to those between fourteen and twenty-one years of age, who from ill health are unable to labor. And if there is a widow and such children by a former wife, the judge may, at his discretion, divide such allowance among the widow and such children of a former wife. And in solvent estates, the judge may, at his discretion, make an allowance from the personal estate to minor children under twelve years of age, when the income from their distributive shares will be insufficient for their support and education.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

Chapter 147.

An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Eighty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Waiver of Provisions of Will.

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

R. S., c. 80, sec. 13; relating to waiver of provisions of a will, amended.