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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

1943

Chapter 114

AN ACT Relative to Widows and Widowers Sharing in Estates.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Share of estate to which widow or widower waiving provisions of will, or when no provision is made in will, is entitled. When a provision is made in a will for the widow of a testator who died after the 26th day of April, 1897, or for the widower of a testatrix, who died after the 1st day of June, 1903, and such provision is waived as aforesaid, such widow or widower shall have and receive the same share of the real estate and the same distributive share of the real and personal estate of such testator or testatrix as is provided by law in intestate estates. When no provision is made for his widow in the will of a testator who died after the 26th day of April, 1897, or for her widower in the will of a testatrix who died after the 1st day of June, 1903, such widow or widower shall likewise have and receive the same share of the real estate and the same distributive share of the personal estate of such testator or testatrix as is provided by law in intestate estates, provided such widow or widower shall within 6 months after the probate of such will, file in the registry of probate written notice that she or he claims such share of the real and personal estate of such testator or testatrix. Such notice may be filed by an insane widow or widower by his or her guardian, or by a guardian ad litem appointed for the purpose. Any notice filed under the provisions of this or the preceding section shall be recorded by the register of probate in the record books of the probate court where such notice is filed, but a failure to record such notice shall not in any way affect the rights of any widow or widower.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 115

AN ACT Relating to Parole of Inmates of Reformatory for Men.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 369-A, amended. Section 369-A of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 140 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 369-A. Classification, conduct records and parole eligibility. The superintendent of the reformatory shall classify each person committed

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thereto and keep a monthly record of his behavior and his progress in industry. Whenever the record of any such inmate is satisfactory to the superintendent, he may, in his discretion, recommend any inmate for a hearing before the parole board, but no inmate shall be paroled until he shall have served 6 months if convicted of a misdemeanor or 1 year if convicted of a felony, except that an allowance of 7 days for each month served from date of commitment may be granted by the superintendent whenever in his opinion the conduct of the person so committed justifies such consideration.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 116

AN ACT Relating to Military Accounts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 18, § 48, amended. Section 48 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 258 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 48. Approval of military accounts; appropriation. All military accounts, unless otherwise specially provided by law, shall be approved by the person authorized to contract the same and transmitted to the adjutant-general for his examination and approval. They shall then be presented to the state auditor state controller, and if found correct shall be certified to the governor and council for payment, and a warrant shall be drawn for the amount thereof on the treasurer of state in favor of the person to whom the account is due, and the same shall be delivered to the paymaster general for delivery by him; provided, that no payment whatever shall be made or allowed except for duty actually performed or services actually rendered; and provided, that no payment of any sum authorized by this chapter shall be made to any person until there shall have been first deducted therefrom all amounts due by him to the state on any military account whatsoever; and provided further that whenever the governor shall deem it necessary he may draw his warrant on the treasurer of state in favor of the paymaster general for such sums from the military fund or the appropriation for the support of the naval militia as may be required to meet immediate payments for current expenditures, such funds to be accounted for separately on a monthly account current to be filed with the state auditor and any unused balance to be carried into the state treasury and credited to the military fund whenever directed by the governor.