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CHAPTER 17

H.P. 180 - L.D. 235

**An Act to Require the Courts to
Accept Civil Orders of Arrest on Any
Day Court is in Session**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §3135, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 184, §18, is amended to read:

A civil order of arrest issued under section 3134, subsection 1, or section 3136, ~~shall~~ must direct the sheriff to arrest the individual named in the order and bring the individual to a hearing ~~on any day the days or date specified court is in the civil order of arrest session.~~ In the case of a nonindividual debtor, a the civil order of arrest ~~shall issue~~ must be issued for the arrest of any officer, director or managing agent of the debtor or other agent appointed by the debtor to accept service and who was served with the disclosure subpoena.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §3135, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 184, §18, is amended to read:

After the ~~judgment~~ judgment debtor is brought to the court, the clerk shall promptly notify the judgment creditor or ~~his~~ the judgment creditor's attorney of record in person or by telephone that ~~his~~ the presence of one of them is required for a hearing. If a disclosure or contempt hearing cannot be held that day due to the inability of the judgment creditor or ~~his~~ the judgment creditor's attorney to appear or due to the absence of the judge or the inability of the court to hear the matter because of other business, the court or clerk shall release the debtor upon ~~his~~ the debtor's personal recognizance for ~~his~~ appearance on a date certain. ~~If the A debtor who~~ fails to appear for the disclosure or contempt hearing after being released upon ~~his~~ the debtor's personal recognizance, ~~the court may issue additional civil orders of arrest to bring the debtor before the court for hearing~~ commits a Class E crime.

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §3136, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 184, §19, is amended to read:

4. Failure to appear. If the person sought to be held in contempt fails to appear after being duly served with a contempt subpoena and the judgment creditor appears at the time and place named in the subpoena, upon the request of the judgment creditor, the judge shall issue a civil order of arrest directing the sheriff to arrest the person and bring the person to the court on any day the days or date specified court is in the civil order of arrest session. In the case of a

nonindividual, a the civil order of arrest ~~shall~~ must be issued for the arrest of any officer, director or managing agent who was served with the contempt subpoena.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 18

S.P. 138 - L.D. 417

**An Act to Amend the Fee Schedule
for Probate Filings**

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §1-602, as amended by PL 1993, c. 148, §§3 and 4, is further amended to read:

§1-602. Filing and certification fees

The register of probate receives the following fees for filing or certifying documents:

(1) For making and certifying to the register of deeds copies of devises of real estate, abstracts of petitions for appointment of a personal representative or for an elective share and any other document for which certification is required, ~~\$6~~ \$8, except as otherwise expressly provided by law. The fee must be paid by the personal representative, petitioner or other person filing the document to be certified when the copy of the devise or abstracts is made. The register of probate shall deliver the certified document to the register of deeds together with the fee for recording as provided by Title 33, section 751. The personal representative, petitioner, applicant or other person requesting the certification shall pay the recording fee to the register of probate.

(2) For receiving and entering each petition or application for all estates, testate and intestate, including foreign estates, and the filing of a notice by a domiciliary foreign personal representative, except for the filing of a successor personal representative, when the value of the estate is:

- (ii) For filing a will to be probated and without an appointment, \$10;
- (iii) \$10,000 and under, \$15;
- (iv) \$10,001 to \$20,000, \$30;
- (v) \$20,001 to \$30,000, \$45;
- (vi) \$30,001 to \$40,000, \$60;
- (vii) \$40,001 to \$50,000, \$75;