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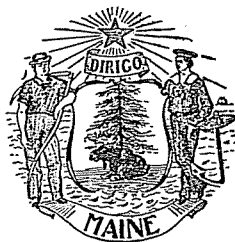
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CHAPTER 64.

MASTERS, APPRENTICES AND SERVANTS.

Binding of minors, under age of fourteen.
1895, c. 28.
43 Me., 458.

SEC. 1. In all cases where the care of the person, and the education of minors under fourteen years of age, have been entrusted to the parents, or to either of them, or to a legal guardian, under the provisions of section three of chapter sixty-nine, such children may be bound as apprentices or servants, until that age, without their consent, by the parents or parent so entrusted, or by the guardian so entrusted with the approval of the judge of probate, and in all other cases such children may be bound as apprentices or servants, until that age, without their consent, by their father and mother, if living, if either has deceased, by the survivor, if both have deceased, by the legal guardian with the approval of the judge of probate as aforesaid, and if they have no parent or guardian, they may bind themselves with the approbation of the municipal officers of the town where they reside. The indenture shall, on the part of such parents or guardians, continue in force for the time mentioned in the following section, *provided*, that the children, on reaching the age of fourteen, give their consent, as provided in said section.

Binding of minors above fourteen.
R. S., c. 62, § 2.
43 Me., 459.

SEC. 2. Minors, above the age of fourteen, may be bound in the same manner, with their consent, which shall be distinctly expressed in the indenture signed by them; females to the age of eighteen, or to the time of their marriage within that age, and males to the age of twenty-one years.

Indentures in such cases.
R. S., c. 62, § 3.
13 Me., 153.

SEC. 3. No minor of any age shall be thus bound, unless by an indenture of two parts, signed, sealed and delivered by both parties; and when the minor binds himself, by the consent of the municipal officers, such consent shall be in writing, signed by them on each part of the indenture.

By whom indentures shall be kept, or deposited.
R. S., c. 62, § 4.

SEC. 4. One part of the indenture shall be kept by the master or mistress, to whom the minor is bound, and the other part, by the parent or guardian for the use of the minor; and when made by consent of the municipal officers as aforesaid, it shall be deposited with the town clerk.

Consideration, how secured.
R. S., c. 62, § 5.
56 Me., 530.

SEC. 5. All considerations, allowed by the master or mistress in any contract of service or apprenticeship, shall be secured by the indenture, to the sole use of the minor; and paid to him without any control on the part of the parent or guardian at any time.

Not binding after death of master.
—no transfer or removal from state.
R. S., c. 62, § 6.

SEC. 6. All indentures made as aforesaid shall, in law, bind all parties thereto; but not the minors, parents or guardians, after the death of the master or mistress; nor shall such minors be transferred to another person, or carried out of the state.

Remedies of parties the same as in chapter 27.
R. S., c. 62, § 7.
See c. 27, §§ 22-30.

SEC. 7. Parents and guardians, municipal officers, and masters and mistresses, joining in such indentures, have the like remedies and proceedings thereon, as are provided for corresponding parties in chapter twenty-seven.

Note. Overseers may bind, as apprentices or servants, children of paupers. c. 27, § 22, also persons of age without apparent means of support, § 28.