

HOUSE....No. 348.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1868.

The Committee on Probate and Chancery, who were instructed by an Order of the 30th of March, 1868, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes relative to the distribution of estates of deceased persons, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

SAML. T. FIELD,  
*For the Committee.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty  
Eight.

### AN ACT

Concerning the Provisions for Widows in Certain Cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—*

1    SECT. 1.   When a person dies without issue, leav-  
2    ing a widow, and personal estate in amount not  
3    exceeding ten thousand dollars, all of which he has  
4    disposed of by will, if his widow waives the provision  
5    made for her in such will, she shall be entitled to  
6    only one-half of the residue of the testator's personal  
7    estate, after the payment of his debts.

1    SECT. 2.   This act shall take effect upon its pas-  
2    sage.