

AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS. *Ch. 224.*

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any probate court may, upon application of a person interested in an estate in process of settlement in such court, direct the temporary investment of the money belonging to such estate in securities to be approved by the judge; or may authorize the same to be deposited in any bank or institution in this state, empowered to receive such deposits, upon such interest as said bank or institution may agree to pay. Court may authorize temporary investment of money belonging to an unsettled estate.

SECTION 2. When it shall be made to appear to any probate court, that a partial distribution of the personal property of any estate in process of settlement therein, can be made to those entitled thereto, without detriment to such estate, said court may, after such notice to all parties interested therein as it may direct, order such partial distribution to be made. May order partial distribution of personal property before estate is settled.

SECTION 3. Probate courts in the several counties may, concurrently with the supreme judicial court, hear and determine all matters arising under wills, in the same manner as is now provided by law in relation to trusts created by will. Probate court concurrently with S. J. C. may determine matters under wills, &c.
Approved April 22, 1873.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO CHARGE INTEREST ON CERTAIN TAXES. *Ch. 225.*

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever a city or town has fixed a time within which taxes assessed therein shall be paid, such city by its city council, and such town, at the meeting when money is appropriated or raised, may vote that on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time, interest shall be paid at a specified rate, not exceeding one per centum per month; and may also vote that on all taxes remaining unpaid after another certain time, interest shall be paid at another specified rate, not exceeding one per centum per month; and the interest accruing under such vote or votes shall be added to, and be a part of, such taxes. Cities and towns may charge interest on unpaid taxes.

SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and forty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two is repealed. Repeal of 1862, 146.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
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