

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

—
H.P. 147 - L.D. 170

**An Act To Extend the Maximum Time Period for Powers of Attorney for
Minors and Incapacitated Persons**

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §5-104, sub-§(a), as enacted by PL 1997, c. 455, §7, is amended to read:

(a). A parent or guardian of a minor or incapacitated person, by a properly executed power of attorney, may delegate to another person, for a period not exceeding ~~6~~ 12 months, any of that parent's or guardian's powers regarding care, custody or property of the minor child or ward, except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor ward. A delegation by a ~~court-appointed~~ court-appointed guardian becomes effective only when the power of attorney is filed with the court.

Sec. 2. 18-A MRSA §5-213 is enacted to read:

§5-213. Transitional arrangements for minors

In issuing, modifying or terminating an order of guardianship for a minor, the court may enter an order providing for transitional arrangements for the minor if the court determines that such arrangements will assist the minor with a transition of custody and are in the best interest of the child. Orders providing for transitional arrangements may include, but are not limited to, rights of contact, housing, counseling or rehabilitation.

In House of Representatives, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2011

..... Governor