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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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direction of the court, when such judge shall determine, after the notice and hearing provided in section three of this act, that the interests of the estate and of the creditors, require it.'

Sect. 18. This act shall take effect July one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven. It shall not apply to cases where the petitions are filed prior to that date.

When act shall take effect.

Approved March 27, 1897.

Chapter 326.

An Act to amend Section eight of Chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter sixty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Paupers, their settlement and support.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section eight, chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter sixty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby amended by striking out the words "their families," in the eleventh line of said section as amended, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'his family,' and by adding after the word 'family' so inserted the following: 'The word 'family' here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with him, and dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for themselves.' And in the fifteenth line of said section, as amended, after the word "proper," insert the following: 'In case of the violation of this act, the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars, and for every day they allow them to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars per day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 8, chapter 27, R. S., as amended by chapter 60, public laws, 1891, further amended.

'Sect. 8. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and who has received an honorable discharge from said service, and who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during

Soldiers and sailors, not to be considered paupers.

CHAP. 327

—definition
of family.

—shall not
be sup-
ported in
the poor
house.

—penalty
for viola-
tion.

—may be
removed to
town of set-
tlement.

which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poor house, any such dependent soldier or sailor or his family; the word 'family' here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support, who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of his settlement shall support them at his own home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other than the poor house, as the overseers of the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. In case of a violation of this act the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow them to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars per day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his settlement as herein provided.'

Approved March 27, 1897.

Chapter 327.

An Act to amend Section eighteen of Chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred eighty-three, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of School Committees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section, 18
chapter 11,
R. S., as
amended by
chapter 216,
laws, 1893,
further
amended.

Sect. 1. Section eighteen of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred sixteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three, is hereby amended by striking out of the third line thereof the words "five or seven unless already done," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Election of
superin-
tendent of
school com-
mittee.

—vacan-
cies, how
filled.

'Sect. 18. Every town shall choose by ballot at its annual meeting, a superintending school committee of three, to hold office as provided in section eighty-six and shall fill vacancies arising therein at each subsequent annual meeting. No per-