

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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# THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 46.]

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-SEVEN.

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AN ACT providing for the expenses incurred for the  
relief of persons falling into distress in unincorporated  
places, in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter thirty-two of the revised stat-  
utes shall be amended in section twenty-six, in second  
line, by inserting after the word "town" the words  
"or plantation," and by striking out in the third and  
fourth lines the following words, "adjoining town,  
wherein the inhabitants of such incorporated place  
are liable to be taxed," and inserting the following

8 words, "nearest adjoining town," so that said section  
9 when amended shall read as follows:

10 "SECT. 26. All persons standing in need of relief,  
11 living without the bounds of any incorporated town,  
12 or plantation, shall be under the care of the overseers  
13 of the poor, appointed in the nearest town; and the  
14 said overseers may bind out the children of such poor  
15 persons, as if they were inhabitants of the town in  
16 which such overseers are appointed; and may set to  
17 work, and bind out, in the manner described in the  
18 twenty-fourth section of this chapter, persons of like  
19 description dwelling in such unincorporated place, as  
20 if in their own towns; such persons to be entitled, also,  
21 to similar remedy and relief, if aggrieved thereby."

SECT. 2. When the overseers of the poor of any  
2 town liable by law, furnishes relief to any poor per-  
3 son falling into distress, and standing in need of  
4 immediate relief, in any unincorporated place, or  
5 when any individual furnishes such relief, and such  
6 person has no legal settlement in any town in this  
7 state, said overseers or individual may present a peti-  
8 tion to the governor and council, setting forth the  
9 material facts; and the governor and council having

10 become satisfied of the truth of the facts therein  
11 stated, shall allow all reasonable expenses incurred  
12 for said relief, and for burial in case of death, which  
13 shall be paid from the state treasury, and the gov-  
14 ernor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor.

IN SENATE, April 7, 1857.

This Bill having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
April 6, 1857. }

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. Woodman of Bucksport, and 350 copies  
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*