

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 2.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, relating to the settlement of paupers.

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

SECTION 1. Clause III of section one of said chapter
2 twenty-four, shall be amended, by striking out the
3 words, "at the time of their birth," so that said
4 clause, as amended, shall read as follows : III. Chil-
5 dren, legitimate or illegitimate, do not acquire a settle-
6 ment by birth in the town where they are born.
7 Illegitimate children have the settlement of their
8 mother ; but when the parents of such children, born
9 after March 24, 1864, inter-marry they are deemed
10 legitimate and have the settlement of the father.

11 And strike out from clause VI of said section one,
12 the words, " five successive years," and insert in place

13 thereof, the words 'three successive months,' so that
14 the clause, as amended, shall read as follows: VI. A
15 persons of age having his home in a town three suc-
16 cessive months without receiving, directly or indirect-
17 ly, supplies as a pauper, has a settlement therein.

18 Also strike out from clause VIII in said section, the
19 words "five years" wherever they occur, and in-
20 sert instead thereof, the words, 'one year,' so that
21 the clause, as amended, shall read as follows:
22 VIII. Persons having their homes in an unincorpor-
23 ated place for one year, without receiving supplies as
24 a pauper, and having continued their home there to
25 the time of its incorporation, acquire settlements
26 therein. Those having homes in such places less than
27 one year before incorporation, and continuing them
28 there afterwards until one year is completed, acquire
29 settlements therein.

SECT. 2. When any person living in any place
2 not incorporated has been furnished relief, as provided
3 in section twenty-two and section twenty-three of said
4 chapter twenty-four, the state shall reimburse the
5 town, or person affording relief, to the amount the
6 governor and council adjudge to have been judiciously
7 expended therefor.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, saving

3 all suits pending, and all supplies furnished before the
4 time this act shall take effect.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 16, 1874.

Presented by Mr. LOTHROP of Somerset, and on his motion
laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*