

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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 twenty-four, shall be amended, by striking out the words "at the time of their birth," so that the said clause, as amended, shall read as follows :

III. Children legitimate or illegitimate, do not acquire a settlement by birth in the town where they are born. Illegitimate have the settlement of their mother, but where the parents of such children born after March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred sixty-four, intermarry they are deemed legitimate and have the settlement of their father.

12 Strike out from clause VI of said section one, the
13 words “five successive years,” and insert in place
14 thereof the words ‘two successive years,’ so that the
15 clause as amended shall read as follows :

16 VI. A person of age having his home in a town two
17 successive years without receiving, directly or in-
18 directly, supplies as a pauper, has a settlement therein.

19 Also strike out from clause VIII. in said section, the
20 words “five” wherever it occurs, and insert instead
21 thereof, the word ‘two,’ so that the clause as amended
22 shall read as follows :

23 VIII. Persons having their homes in an unincor-
24 porated place for two years without receiving supplies
25 as a pauper, and having continued their home there to
26 the time of its incorporation, acquire a settlement
27 therein. Those having homes in such places less than
28 two years before incorporation, and continuing to have
29 them there afterwards until two years are completed,
30 acquire a settlement therein.

SECT. 2. 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2 the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, saving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. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 8, 1878. }

Presented by Mr. LOTHROP of St. Albans, and on his motion
ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*