

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 61.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

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

SECTION 1. When paupers are sought to be re-  
2 moved to the town of their alleged settlement,  
3 under the provisions of section twenty-seven, chap-  
4 ter twenty-four of revised statutes, and the person  
5 to whom the order of the overseers is directed re-  
6 quests them to go with him in obedience to said  
7 order, and they refuse so to do, or resist the service  
8 of such order, the person to whom it is directed may  
9 make complaint in writing, by him signed, of the  
10 facts aforesaid, to any judge of a police or municipi-

11 pal court or trial justice within the county where  
12 said paupers are then domiciled. Said judge or  
13 justice shall thereupon by proper order or process  
14 cause said paupers to be brought forthwith before  
15 him by any officer to whom the same is directed, to  
16 answer said complaint and show cause why they  
17 should not be so removed. The complaint may be  
18 amended at any time before judgment thereon  
19 according to the facts. The complainant and the  
20 paupers shall be heard by such judge or justice,  
21 and if upon such hearing the judge or justice afore-  
22 said finds the town to which such paupers are  
23 sought to be removed is liable for their mainten-  
24 ance and support, of all or any of them, he shall  
25 issue his order, under his hand and seal, command-  
26 ing the person to whom it is directed to take the  
27 bodies of said paupers and them transport to the  
28 town aforesaid, and them deliver to the custody of  
29 the overseers of the poor thereof. The person to  
30 whom said last named order is directed shall have  
31 all the power and authority to execute the same  
32 according to the precept thereof, that the sheriff or  
33 his deputy now has in executing warrants in crim-  
34 inal proceedings. The fees and costs shall be the  
35 same in the foregoing proceedings as are by law

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36 chargeable for like services in criminal cases, and  
37 shall be paid by the town seeking to remove such  
38 pauper or paupers.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 5, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. BROWN  
of Bangor, and printed under the Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*