

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 62.

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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 additional to, and amendatory of, chapter  
twenty-four of the revised statutes, in relation to  
the support of paupers in unincorporated places.

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-two of chapter twenty-  
2 four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter  
3 two hundred and thirty of the public laws of eigh-  
4 teen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby further  
5 amended, by striking out the word "living" in the  
6 first line and insert instead thereof the word  
7 "found," so that said section shall read as follows:  
8 *Sect. 22.* Persons found in places not incorpo-  
9 rated, and needing relief, are under the care of the  
10 overseers of the oldest incorporated adjoining

11 town, or the nearest incorporated town where there  
12 are none adjoining, who shall furnish relief to such  
13 persons, as if they were found in such town; and  
14 such overseers may bind to service the children of  
15 such persons as they may those of paupers of their  
16 own town, and may bind out persons described in  
17 section twenty in the manner therein provided,  
18 residing in such unincorporated place, as if in their  
19 own town, and such persons shall be entitled to a  
20 like remedy and relief. When relief is so pro-  
21 vided, the towns furnishing it are entitled to the  
22 same remedies against the towns of their settlement  
23 as if they resided in the town so furnishing relief.  
24 And when such paupers have no legal settlement  
25 in the state and have not lived in the town furnish-  
26 ing them relief, the state shall reimburse said town  
27 for the relief furnished to such amount as the gov-  
28 ernor and council may adjudge to have been neces-  
29 sarily expended therefor.

SECT. 2. Whenever towns that are compelled by  
2 law to care for and furnish relief to state paupers  
3 in unincorporated places, for the purposes of econ-  
4 omy, desire to remove the same into their own  
5 town, the overseers of the poor in such town may  
6 make a written request, stating their reasons there-  
7 for, to the governor and council, who shall examine

8 the same, and if in their judgment such state pau-  
9 pers would thereby be supported with less expense  
10 to the state, may permit in writing such transfer  
11 to be made. Whenever state paupers are thus trans-  
12 ferred and maintained in a town for such purposes,  
13 they shall not become paupers of such town by  
14 reason of residence therein while so maintained.

SECT. 3. Plantations having a population of three  
2 hundred or more, and a valuation of at least one  
3 hundred thousand dollars, shall hereafter support  
4 the paupers therein in the same manner that towns  
5 now do, and the expenses therefor shall not be  
6 chargeable to the state.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*