

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 419

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

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

AN ACT to amend Section 9, Chapter 27, Revised Statutes,
relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

Section 1. Section nine of chapter twenty-seven of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding after the
3 words "eighteen hundred and sixty-one" in the second line
4 thereof, the words 'or in the war with Spain,' so that said
5 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment
7 in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of
8 eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or in the war with Spain,
9 and who has received an honorable discharge from all enlist-

10 ments in said service, whether in his own proper name or
11 an assumed name, and who has or may become dependent
12 upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject
13 to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during
14 which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be
15 included in the period of residence necessary to change his
16 settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have author-
17 ity to remove to, or support in, the poor house, any such
18 dependent soldier or sailor or his family; the word "family"
19 here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his
20 wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and
21 dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried
22 children of his dependent upon him for support, who by
23 reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable
24 to provide for themselves; but the town of his settlement
25 shall support them at his own home in the town of his settle-
26 ment or residence, or in such suitable place other than the
27 poor house, as the overseers of the town of his settlement
28 may deem right and proper. In case of violation of this
29 section the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine
30 of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow them
31 to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice, they
32 shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars a day, to
33 be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall
34 not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of
35 any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or

36 sailor and his family in the town of his settlement, as herein
37 provided.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. HADLOCK from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*