

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 509

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Monson.

Resolved, That the state treasurer be authorized to pay to
2 the town of Monson the sum of eighty-eight dollars and nine
3 cents; it being for expenses incurred in committing Albert
4 Johnson to the state school for boys, and who was not a resi-
5 dent of this state.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Albert Johnson, a boy, was committed to the state school for boys, November 6, 1905, by the Dover municipal court. At that time his legal residence was in Boston, Massachusetts, but was temporarily residing in Monson, with his grandparents, Pierson and Johannah Johnson. The last part of section 3 of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes reads as follows:

“The expenses of conveying such boy to said school, and his subsistence and clothing during the time he remains there, not exceeding one dollar a week, shall be defrayed by the town where such boy resides at the time of his commitment, if within the state; otherwise such expenses shall be paid by the state.”

The town of Monson, in January, 1906, presented the governor and council an account; “For cost of commitment, \$23.09, and eight weeks subsistence at the reform school \$8.00;” which account the committee on state beneficiaries declined to allow on the ground that, as this boy temporarily resided in Monson at the time of his commitment, there was great doubt whether they had the right to allow this claim. It is evident that the framers of this statute intended that the state should reimburse towns in such cases not exceeding one dollar a week, whenever such boy did not at the time of his commitment have a legal residence, or pauper settlement within the state.

A bill to amend the above named statute is now pending before this legislature, to make its meaning on this point clear, and this resolve is only to carry out what it seems unquestionably was intended by the statute.

The amount called for by this resolve is made up as follows:

For expenses of commitment.....	\$23 09
65 weeks at \$1.00 a week.....	65 00
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	\$88 09

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL from Committee on Claims, and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*