

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 116

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to ascertain and make certain legal residence in Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. In the month of April, in the year nineteen hundred ten, and annually thereafter, the assessors of each city, town and plantation shall take, or cause to be taken, a correct and complete census of all persons then found in their respective cities, towns and plantations, together with the names, ages and sex of such person, the street and number of their residences when practicable, and, as nearly as possible the date when each such person became a resident of the city, town or plantation wherein they may be at the time of taking such census.

Sect. 2. Clerks of cities, towns and plantations are hereby

2 required to record such census, properly indexed, in a book
3 or upon cards prepared therefor, which record shall be care-
4 fully preserved and open to public inspection at all proper
5 times. Copies of such record, attested by city, town or
6 plantation clerk to be true copies, shall be admissible as evi-
7 dence in any court to prove the fact stated in such records.
8 Said clerk shall be entitled to ten cents for every one hun-
9 dred names thus recorded, to be paid from the treasury of
10 the city, town or plantation, and to twenty-five cents for each
11 attested copy furnished, to be paid by the person desiring
12 such attested copy.

Sect. 3. In any census after the first herein provided for,
2 no new record shall be made of names appearing upon the
3 record previously made, but a sufficient memorandum shall
4 be made annually upon the existing record to show the con-
5 tinuing presence of the person at the place wherein he was
6 residing at the time of the former record. New names ap-
7 pearing in each annual census shall be recorded and subse-
8 quent memoranda made as herein provided.

Sect. 4. Whenever any person whose name appears upon
2 such record shall die, the clerk shall enter the date of such
3 death as a memorandum upon the record existing as herein
4 provided.

Sect. 5. Whenever any person shall depart from the city,
2 town or plantation wherein he shall be recorded as herein
3 provided, except when such departure is coupled with an in-
4 tention to return to the place of departure, or when any per-

5 son shall change his residence from one street in a city or
6 town to another street in the same city or town, he shall re-
7 port such departure or change to the clerk of the city, town
8 or plantation in which his name is recorded as herein pro-
9 vided, and the fact of such removal or change shall be added
10 to the existing record. In case of a person of tender age
11 such departure or change, as well as the record of new abode
12 hereinafter provided for, shall be reported as aforesaid by
13 his parent or next of kin.

Sect. 6. Any person taking up his residence in any city,
2 town or plantation in which he is not recorded as herein
3 provided shall, within seven days after taking up such resi-
4 dence report to the clerk of such city, town or plantation such
5 facts regarding his name, age, sex and street and number
6 of his new abode as are required to be ascertained by assess-
7 ors under the provisions of section one of this act, and rec-
8 ord shall thereupon be made by said clerk as provided in
9 section two of this act.

Sect. 7. Any person found guilty of a breach of any of
2 the requirements of this act shall be punished by a fine not
3 exceeding ten dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding
4 thirty days.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. CHASE of
Sebec and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*