

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 116

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the removal of Foreign Paupers.

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

Section 1. Section forty-four of chapter twenty-seven of 2 the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following 3 enacted in place thereof:

Section 44. The State Board of Charities and Correc-5 tions shall through its authorized agent investigate all cases 6 of alien, insane or other paupers found within the State and 7 having no settlement therein, which are brought to its at-8 tention by the overseers of municipal officers of any town 9 or city or by any of the managing officers of either of the 10 hospitals for the insane or which shall otherwise come to 11 its attention, and shall ascertain if possible the place of set-

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12 tlement of such pauper or where he properly and lawfully 13 belongs and shall report the facts and its conclusion thereon 14 to the person or officials bringing such case to its notice 15 and in the case of all alien paupers it shall be the duty of 16 the Board through its agent to make application to the im-17 migration officer of the United States nearest to that local-18 ity in the State where said alien is found commorant in order 10 that said alien may be immediately deported under the pro-20 visions of the laws of the United States in such case made 21 and provided when such deportation of such alien is possi-22 ble under such laws, and when any such deportation is not 23 possible thereunder or in the case of any other pauper so in-24 vestigater by the Board when it has been ascertained where 25 he properly and lawfully belongs it shall be the duty of the 26 Board to make complaint to any judge of a municipal or 27 police court or trial justice in the county where said pauper 28 is found residing, setting forth the facts that said pauper 29 has no settlement within the State and stating the place 30 where he properly belongs and such judge or justice may 31 thereupon by his warrant directed to said agent or other per-32 son named therein, cause such pauper to be conveyed beyond 33 the limits of the State to the place where he belongs and all 34 bills for expenses of such removal shall be audited by the 35 State Auditor and paid out of the State treasury upon the 36 certificate of the State Auditor issued therefor."

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IN SENATE,

February 3, 1909.

Reported by Mr. LOONEY from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.