

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 220

House of Representatives, March 1, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Cole Report and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stratton of Albion.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Ten of Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Section Two of Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, and also to Amend Section Eleven of Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes Relating to the State Department of Health.

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

. Section 1. Section ten of chapter one hundred and ninety-
2 seven of the revised statutes as amended by section two of
3 chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the public laws of
4 nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by add-
5 ing to said section the following words:

'Provided, however, that after June 30, 1925, no payment shall be made by the state department of health to municipalities for the support of local health officers.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. **Municipalities required to employ local health officer; state commissioner to appoint in case of failure; state aid under certain circumstances.** Every city, town and organized plantation shall employ an official who shall be known as the local health officer and who shall be appointed by the officers of the municipality subject to the approval of the state commissioner of health. Upon the failure to fill said office as hereinbefore stated within thirty days after a vacancy occurs therein the state commissioner of health may appoint said official. The local health officer shall be ex-officio a member and the executive officer of the local board of health, or at the option of the municipal officers, may take the place of the local board of health. He may be employed to devote a part or all of his time to the performance of the duties of his office. If employed to give his entire time and if he possesses the qualifications of a district health officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved by the state health commissioner on the basis of experience in public health administration, the state department of health is authorized and directed to pay from money appropriated to said department of health for said purpose one-third of the total salary of said official, not to exceed eight hundred dollars a year, payment to be made

24 directly by the state to said local health officer. Provided,
25 however, that after June 30, 1925, no payment shall be
26 made by the state department of health to municipalities
27 for the support of local health officers.'

Sect. 2. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and ninety-
2 seven of the revised statutes as amended by section two of
3 chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the public laws of
4 nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby amended by add-
5 ing the following words:

'Provided, however, that after June 30, 1925, no payment
2 shall be made by the state department of health to mu-
3 nicipalities for the support of local health officers.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 11. **Municipalities may combine into districts;**
2 **state aid.** Subject to the approval of the state health
3 commissioner, several adjoining towns, cities, or organized
4 plantations may unite in employing the same local health
5 officer who shall possess the qualifications of a district
6 health officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved
7 by the state health commissioner on the basis of experience
8 in public health administration, shall devote his entire time
9 to the performance of his duties and shall receive one-third
10 of his salary not to exceed eight hundred dollars a year,
11 from the state. Provided, however, that after June 30,
12 1925, no payment shall be made by the state department
13 of health to municipalities for the support of local health
14 officers.'