

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 281

House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Ray from Committee on Public Health
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Miss Edith L. Soule.

Resolved: That the salary of Miss Soule from July fif-
2 teenth, nineteen hundred twenty-one, to January first, nine-
3 teen hundred twenty-two, in the amount of eleven hun-
4 dred (\$1100) dollars be appropriated from the unused bal-
5 ance of the salary account of the department of health for
6 the year nineteen hundred twenty-one and paid to her in
7 keeping with the action taken by the public health council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On March 27th, 1921, at a meeting of the Public Health Council of the State of Maine it was voted to create a new division in the State Department of Health to be designated as "The Division of Public Health Nursing and Child Hygiene."

It was also voted to appoint Miss Edith L. Soule, R. N., as Director of the Division of Public Health Nursing and Child Hygiene to date from July 15th, 1920, her salary to be paid jointly by the American Red Cross and the Maine Anti-Tuberculosis Association until such time as the State can assume payment of the same, her necessary traveling expenses to be paid out of the appropriation of the State Department of Health.

It was fully understood that this agreement to pay Miss Soule's salary by the American Red Cross and the Maine Anti-Tuberculosis Association was for one year and that the Public Health Council would ask the Legislature of 1921 for an additional appropriation for the Department of Health and that if this were granted the department would assume and pay the salary of Miss Soule after July 15th, 1921.

On July 27th, 1921, at a meeting of the Public Health Council it was voted as follows: "In view of the fact that the increase in the appropriation for the payment of salaries secured by the last Legislature was designed in part to cover the salary of Miss Soule, it was voted to pay her a salary at the rate of twenty-four hundred a year, to date from July 15th."

Miss Soule was notified in July, 1921, of this action by the Public Health Council and has continued in her position as head of the Division of Public Health Nursing and Child Hygiene from July 15th, 1921.

A council order covering the payment of her salary in keeping with the vote of the Public Health Council was presented to the Governor and Council. This order was not acted upon until January, 1922, and then by approving her salary only from January 1, 1922, to June 30, 1922.