

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 47

H. D. No. 14

House of Representatives, Jan. 21, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burnham of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections Four and Seven of Chapter 222
of the Public Laws of 1917, and Section Eleven of Chapter
222 of the Public Laws of 1917 as Amended by Chapter 17
of the Public Laws of 1919, Entitled "An Act to Provide for
Mothers with Dependent Children."

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter two hundred twenty-
two of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is
hereby amended by adding after the word "same" in the
last line of said section the word 'quarterly' so that said
section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. A state board of mother's aid hereinafter re-

2 ferred to as the "State board" is hereby created to serve
3 without compensation, and to consist of the members of the
4 state board of charities and corrections, ex officio. The
5 secretary of said state board of charities and corrections
6 shall be ex officio secretary of the state board of mother's
7 aid, and serve without additional compensation as such.

'In each city, town and plantation there shall be, and hereby
2 is, created a municipal board of mother's aid, hereinafter
3 referred to as the "municipal board" to consist of the over-
4 seers or board of overseers of the poor ex officio, unless
5 the city by ordinance or the town or plantation by vote upon
6 warrant shall provide for a special board of not fewer than
7 three persons, one of whom at least shall be a woman, ap-
8 pointed or elected for three year terms, one term expiring
9 each year, to serve as such "municipal board." The mem-
10 bers of such municipal board shall serve without compensa-
11 tion as such.

'The municipal board shall keep a record of all applicants
2 investigated, visit regularly or cause to be visited by some
3 agent in their behalf the home of each mother aided here-
4 under; see that her children are actually living with her in
5 her home, observe the conditions of the home and of the
6 family and make and keep a record of such visits and any
7 fact observed which bears upon the necessity or advisability
8 of continuance of aid under this act and report the same
9 quarterly to the state board.'

Sect. 2. Section seven of chapter two hundred twenty-

2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is
3 hereby amended by striking out the word "town" in the
4 eighth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'state,'
5 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 7. The municipal board shall thereupon file with
2 the state board a copy of said application and a written
3 report embodying the results of their investigation and their
4 recommendations thereon, and the state board shall deter-
5 mine all matters in question, and communicate in writing its
6 decision to the municipal board. If the applicant is held
7 entitled to aid, the state board shall determine its character
8 and amount, which may be less than, but shall not exceed,
9 the amount recommended by the municipal board. The
10 state shall thereupon, pursuant to such decision, pay the same
11 in money or its value to the applicant, or to some person
12 designated by the state board upon the recommendation of
13 the municipal board, who shall expend it for the purposes
14 and in the manner set forth in the decision. The state board
15 may revise its decision whenever it deems it necessary or
16 equitable so to do, but shall not increase the amount of aid
17 previously awarded except with the consent of the municipal
18 board nor decrease it without giving said board opportunity
19 to be heard.'

Sect. 3. Section eleven of chapter two hundred twenty-
2 two of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen as
3 amended by chapter seventeen of the public laws of nineteen
4 hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking

5 out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the
6 following:

‘Sect. 11. The state rendering aid under the provisions of
2 this act shall be reimbursed by the town in which the mother
3 so aided, has a lawful settlement, for one-half the amount
4 expended.’