

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 4

S. D. No. 3

In Senate, Jan. 14, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Pensions and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cram of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amendatory of and Additional to Chapter One Hundred and Forty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to State Pensions, Creating a Field Agent for Blind, and Guide; and Defining the Duties and Compensation of Such Field Agent and Guide.

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

Chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding new sections thereto.

FIELD AGENT FOR BLIND: GUIDE

'Sect. 20. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint a field agent for the blind for a term not exceeding two years; he may also, with like consent, appoint a guide for such field agent for a term

5 not exceeding two years. The governor, with the advice
6 and consent of the council, may at any time at his pleasure
7 remove the field agent for the blind, or his guide.

REQUISITES AND DUTIES OF FIELD AGENT:
OF GUIDE

‘Sect. 21. The field agent for the blind shall be a suitable
2 person who is himself blind. He shall be entitled to have
3 a guide who is not blind, to assist and accompany him when
4 engaged in his duties as such field agent.

‘It shall be the duty of the field agent for the blind to act
2 under the direction of the governor and council on any
3 matter pertaining to the blind and particularly in regard
4 to the obtaining and investigation of facts relating to or
5 connected with persons eligible for, applying for or receiv-
6 ing state pension for the blind. Also, at the request of the
7 superintendent or trustees of any institution for the blind,
8 the field agent for the blind shall co-operate with and assist
9 such superintendent or trustees in connection with or in
10 regard to any blind person in, connected with or applying
11 for admission to such institution. Said field agent shall
12 also render such aid and assistance to the municipal officers
13 of any city, town or plantation in this state as he is able
14 in regard to any blind person under the jurisdiction of such
15 municipal officers. He shall also render such assistance as
16 he is able toward ameliorating the condition of the blind
17 by finding places or opportunities for the employment of
18 blind persons and in the sale or other disposal of articles
19 and goods produced or made by such blind persons.

‘The field agent shall also report to the governor any and
2 all facts known or ascertained by him in regard to any blind
3 person and his condition, whom he has been directed by the
4 governor to investigate. He shall also report any method
5 or means of aiding, assisting or ameliorating the condition
6 of any blind person. He shall perform such other duties
7 relating or pertaining to the blind as he is requested to do
8 by the governor and council.

‘The guide for the field agent of the blind shall be a person
2 with sight and with such other qualifications as are neces-
3 sary to enable him to perform his duties as such guide.

‘The duties of the guide for the field agent for the blind
2 shall consist of guiding, aiding and assisting such field agent
3 in travelling about from place to place in the performance
4 of his duties as such field agent and in rendering such other
5 aid and assistance to said field agent in the performance of
6 his duties as such guide is able and requested to do by such
7 field agent.

COMPENSATION FOR FIELD AGENT; FOR GUIDE

‘Sect. 22. The field agent and his guide shall be entitled
2 to such salary or compensation as is determined by the gov-
3 ernor, with the advice and consent of the council; together
4 with all necessary expenses actually incurred by such field
5 agent and his guide in the performance of their several
6 duties. All salaries, compensation and expenses for such
7 field agent and guide shall be paid from such special appro-
8 priation as shall be made for that purpose.’