

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**S. P. No. 581**

**S. D. No. 249**

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In Senate, March 25, 1925.

Reported by Senator Hussey from Committee on Pensions  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT Amendatory of and Additional to Chapter One Hun-  
dred 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.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the  
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by adding new sections  
3 thereto.

**FIELD AGENT FOR BLIND ; GUIDE**

'Sect. 20. The governor, with the advice and consent of  
2 the council, shall appoint a field agent for the blind for a

3 term not exceeding two years; he shall also, with like con-  
4 sent, appoint a guide for such field agent for a term not ex-  
5 ceeding two years. The governor, with the advice and con-  
6 sent of the council, may at any time for cause remove the  
7 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  
7 the superintendent or trustees of any institution for the  
8 blind, the field agent for the blind shall co-operate with and  
9 assist such superintendent or trustees in connection with or  
10 in regard to any blind person in, connected with or apply-  
11 ing 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  
16 as 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  
3 blind person and his condition, whom he has been directed  
4 by the governor to investigate. He shall also report any  
5 method or means of aiding, assisting or ameliorating the  
6 condition of any blind person. He shall perform such other  
7 duties relating or pertaining to the blind as he is requested  
8 to do 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 shall receive an annual salary of  
2 twelve hundred dollars, and the guide shall receive an an-  
3 nual salary of one thousand dollars. They shall also re-  
4 ceive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of  
5 their official duties.'

Sect. 2. The sum of four thousand dollars for the year  
2 ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and  
3 four thousand dollars for the year ending June thirtieth,  
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby appropriated  
5 to carry out the provisions of this act.