

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 50

H. P. III

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1927.

On motion of Mr. Jackson of Portland was taken from the table, and on further motion by same gentleman was referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Providing for a Field Agent for the Blind.

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

Section 1. 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. Such field agent, who shall
4 be a blind person, shall appoint a capable person, with sight,
5 who shall act as his guide. The governor, with the advice
6 and consent of the council, for cause, may, at any time,
7 remove such field agent.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the field agent for the
2 blind to act under the direction of the governor and council

3 on any matter pertaining to the blind; also at the request
4 of the superintendent or trustees of any institution for the
5 blind in this state, the field agent for the blind shall co-op-
6 erate with and assist such superintendent or trustees in con-
7 nection with, or in regard to, any blind person connected
8 with, or applying for, admission to such institution. Said
9 field agent shall also render such aid and assistance to the
10 municipal officers of any city, town or plantation in this
11 state as he is able in regard to any blind person under the
12 jurisdiction of such municipal officer. He shall also render
13 such assistance as he is able toward ameliorating the con-
14 dition of the blind by finding employment or opportunity
15 for the employment of blind persons and in the sale or other
16 disposal of articles and goods produced or made by such
17 blind persons. Said field agent shall also give home instruc-
18 tion to any blind person where such instruction is practical.

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 for the blind shall be a per-
2 son with sight and with such other qualifications as are nec-
3 essary for the performance of the duties of 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 traveling about from place to place in the performance of
4 his duties as such field agent, and in rendering such other
5 aid and assistance to such field agent in the performance of
6 his duties as such guide is able and requested to do by such
7 field agent.

Sect. 3. The field agent shall receive an annual salary of
2 such amount as may be determined by the governor and
3 council. The guide shall receive an annual salary not ex-
4 ceeding six hundred dollars per year. They shall also re-
5 ceive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of
6 their official duties.

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