

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Labor and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jackson of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Establish and Maintain Free Employment Offices.

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

Section 1. The commissioner of labor and industry may  
2 establish and maintain in such cities as may be selected by  
3 it after investigation, with the approval of the governor and  
4 council, employment offices for the purpose of bringing to-  
5 gether those seeking employment and those desiring to em-  
6 ploy, and may maintain such offices now established. The  
7 commissioner shall make an annual report as to free em-  
8 ployment offices.

Sect. 2. The commissioner of labor and industry shall  
2 appoint such assistants or clerks as he may deem necessary  
3 for the proper conduct of such offices and shall fix their

4 compensation subject to the approval of the governor and  
5 council.

Sect. 3. Such employment offices shall receive applications  
2 from those seeking employment and from those desiring to  
3 employ, and shall register them in such manner as may be  
4 prescribed by the commissioner, and shall take such other  
5 action as the commissioner may deem best to promote the  
6 purposes of said offices. Said employment offices shall also  
7 receive applications from alien immigrants seeking employ-  
8 ment in agricultural labor and from those desiring to em-  
9 ploy immigrants in agricultural labor, and shall take such  
10 other action as the commissioner may deem best to promote  
11 a more general distribution of alien immigrants throughout  
12 the agricultural sections of the commonwealth.

Sect. 4. In registering applications for employment and  
2 for employees wanted, preference shall be given to residents  
3 of this state.

Sect. 5. No fees, direct or indirect, shall, in any case, be  
2 taken from those seeking the benefits from said employment  
3 offices.

Sect. 6. Said employment offices shall be established and  
2 maintained in conjunction with the United States.

Sect. 7. There shall be appropriated for salaries and for  
2 contingent expenses for the establishment and maintenance  
3 of said employment offices, the sum of thirty-five hundred  
4 dollars, each year.