

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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**House Document**

**No. 380**

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H. P. 1124            House of Representatives, Mar. 10, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk.

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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** Amending an Act Relating to the Care and Support  
of Paupers and Other Dependent Persons Having No Settlement Within the State.

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

Section twenty-five of chapter twenty-nine of the revised  
2 statutes as amended by chapter one hundred fifty-three of  
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby  
4 amended by adding to said section as so amended the following  
5 words: "They may acquire property adjoining any  
6 state institution and erect suitable houses thereon for the  
7 occupancy of such persons, and may order such persons  
8 placed therein and cared for and employed in or at said  
9 institution or elsewhere under the direction of the superin-

10 tendent of any such institution, and the expense thereof  
11 shall be paid from the appropriation for support of paupers  
12 and other dependent persons having no settlement within  
13 the state. Whenever such persons are so employed else-  
14 where than in or at such institution said superintendent shall  
15 contract for the payment of wages for such employment  
16 which shall be collected by him, paid into the state treasury,  
17 and credited to said appropriation for support of paupers  
18 and other dependent persons having no settlement within  
19 the state and used, under the direction of the governor and  
20 council, for the support of the families of such persons,'  
21 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 25. Governor and council authorized to make spec-  
2 ial arrangements for support of state paupers. Persons  
3 found in places not incorporated and needing relief, are  
4 under the care of the overseers of the oldest incorporated  
5 adjoining town, or the nearest incorporated town where  
6 there are none adjoining, who shall furnish relief to such  
7 persons, as if they were found in such towns; and such  
8 overseers may bind out persons described in section twenty-  
9 three in manner therein provided, residing in such unincor-  
10 porated place, as if in their own town, and such persons  
11 shall be entitled to a like remedy and relief. When relief is  
12 so provided, the towns so furnishing it have the same  
13 remedies against the towns of their settlement as if they  
14 resided in the town so furnishing relief. And when such  
15 paupers have no legal settlement in the state, the state shall

16 reimburse said town for the relief furnished, to such an  
17 amount as the governor and council adjudge to have been  
18 necessarily expended therefor. And the reasonable expenses  
19 and services of said overseers relative to such paupers, shall  
20 be included in the amount to be so reimbursed by the state.  
21 The governor and council may, in their discretion make  
22 such other arrangements as they may deem advisable for  
23 the care and support of paupers and other dependent per-  
24 sons having no settlement within the state. They may ac-  
25 quire property adjoining any state institution and erect  
26 suitable houses thereon for the occupancy of such persons,  
27 and may order such persons placed therein and cared for  
28 and employed in or at said institution or elsewhere under  
29 the direction of the superintendent of any such institution,  
30 and the expense thereof shall be paid from the appropria-  
31 tion for support of paupers and other dependent persons  
32 having no settlement within the state. Whenever such per-  
33 sons are so employed elsewhere than in or at such institu-  
34 tion said superintendent shall contract for the payment of  
35 wages for such employment which shall be collected by him,  
36 paid into the state treasury, and credited to said appropria-  
37 tion for support of paupers and other dependent persons  
38 having no settlement within the state and used, under the  
39 direction of the governor and council, for the support of  
40 the families of such persons.'