

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amending An Act Relating to the Care and Support
of Paupers and Other Dependent Persons Having No Settlement within the State.

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, or may
7 erect such houses on land owned by the state, for the occupancy
8 of such persons, and may order such persons placed

9 therein and cared for and employed in or at such institu-
10 tion or elsewhere under the direction of the superintendent
11 of any such institution, and the expense of acquiring such
12 property or erecting such houses shall be paid from the ap-
13 propriation for support of paupers and other dependent
14 persons having no settlement within the state. Whenever
15 such persons are so employed elsewhere than in or at such
16 institution said superintendent shall contract for the pay-
17 ment of wages for such employment which shall be collected
18 by him, paid into the state treasury, and credited to said
19 appropriation for support of paupers and other dependent
20 persons having no settlement with the state and used under
21 the direction of the governor and council, for the support
22 of the families of such persons,' so that said section as
23 amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 25. Governor and council authorized to make spe-
2 cial 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 unin-
10 corporated place, as if in their own town, and such persons
11 shall be entitled to a like remedy and relief. When relief
12 is 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 suit-
26 able houses thereon, or may erect such houses on land
27 owned by the state, for the occupancy of such persons, and
28 may order such persons placed therein and cared for and
29 employed in or at such institution or elsewhere under the
30 direction of the superintendent of any such institution, and
31 the expense of acquiring such property or erecting such
32 houses shall be paid from the appropriation for support of
33 paupers and other dependent persons having no settlement
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38 treasury, and credited to said appropriation for support of
39 paupers and other dependent persons having no settlement

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41 ernor and council, for the support of the families of such
42 persons.'