

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

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H. P. 1298 House of Representatives, Apr. 7, 1927.

Reported by Mr. Hale from Committee on Judiciary and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Twenty-eight of Chapter One
Hundred and Forty-five of the Revised Statutes.

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

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and forty-five, section
2 twenty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by
3 striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof,
4 said section as it appeared before amended by chapter one
5 hundred, section four, of the public laws of nineteen hun-
6 dred seven, so that said section, as amended, shall read as
7 follows:

'Sect. 28. The certificate of commitment to the hospital
2 after a legal examination, is sufficient evidence, in the first

3 instance, to charge the town where the insane resided, or
4 was found at the time of his arrest, for the expenses of
5 his examination, commitment and support in the hospital;
6 but when his friends or others file a bond with the treasurer
7 of the hospital in which he is confined, conditioned that
8 they will pay for the support of said insane person in said
9 hospital, such town shall not be liable for his support, unless
10 new action is had by reason of the inability of the patient
11 or his friends longer to support him; and such action may
12 be had in the same manner, and before the same tribunal,
13 as if he had never been admitted to the hospital.'

Sect. 2. No town shall be chargeable for the expenses of
2 commitment and support of insane patients to an amount
3 in excess in any one year of one half of one mill on its
4 assessed valuation.

Sect. 3. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July
2 first, nineteen hundred twenty-seven this act shall apply to
3 the future support of all patients at that time in either state
4 hospital and all patients admitted to the state hospitals there-
5 after but shall not affect the supplies and care furnished by
6 the state to any patient previous to July first, nineteen hun-
7 dred twenty-seven.