

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 129

H. P. 424 House of Representatives, January 31, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peacock of Readfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Roselthe Shaver.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the
2 sum of ten dollars per month to be paid as a pension to
3 Roselthe Shaver of Readfield, county of Kennebec, during
4 the period of her natural life.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Roselthe Shaver is about eighty-three years of age and has been a resident of Readfield, Maine, since birth. For many years Miss Shaver with an elder sister have supported themselves by doing housework for their neighbors and have maintained their home in a small but comfortable house owned by them and upon which no tax was exacted by the town. The sister died about one year ago and a few months ago the little home was destroyed by fire, with practically all of its contents. There was no insurance and the small lot of land upon which the house stood is not worth over twenty-five dollars. Miss Shaver's eyesight is very poor and her hands and fingers are so badly twisted with rheumatism that she can do no work. She is a quiet, refined woman and very highly thought of by her neighbors and friends. She does not wish to become a town pauper but has no property or other means of support. For the past six months she has been supported by her friends, who have paid her board at St. Mark's Home in Augusta. These friends and neighbors are not related to Miss Shaver by blood or marriage and it has been a voluntary act on their part in order to keep Miss Shaver from being a town charge, but they are unable to make these contributions much longer. Miss Shaver cannot live much longer according to the laws of nature and the modest sum requested will provide her a comfortable home and suitable clothing as long as she lives.