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Legislative Document

No. 39

S. P. 59

In Senate, January 19, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Deering of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Publishing of Paupers' Names in Town Reports.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 63, amended. Section 63 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 63. Selectmen and treasurer to make reports; printed reports to be distributed before annual meeting; all town books to be open for public inspection; penalty for refusal or neglect. Persons charged with the expenditure of the money of a town, shall, on or before the morning of each annual meeting, make a full, detailed written or printed report of all their financial transactions in behalf of the town during the municipal year immediately preceding, with a full account of the receipts and disbursements during that period, and to whom and for what purpose each item of the same was paid, **except that names of persons receiving aid from the town shall be omitted from the report, although the names shall be kept on the town's official record for inspection,** with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town; including a list of all unpaid taxes which have been committed to the treasurer or collector for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount

due from each. Such reports, or like reports of town auditors, if printed, shall be distributed to the voters on or before the morning of the annual meeting, or, if not printed, shall be presented and read in open town meeting before the election of selectmen; and, whether written or printed, shall be kept deposited in the office of the selectmen, or if they have no office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, with proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, and all the books of the town shall be open during the usual hours of business, to the inspection of voters; and if any town officer refuses or neglects to perform any requirement of this section, or refuses to allow any voter to examine such reports, vouchers, and town books, he shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each refusal or neglect.'