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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Rumford by request.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Reducing the Time Necessary to Acquire and Lose a Pauper Settlement to One Year.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 1, ¶ VI, amended. Paragraph VI of section 1 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘VI. A person of age, having his home in a town for ~~five successive~~
~~years~~ **1 year after August 1, 1939** without receiving supplies as a pauper,
directly or indirectly, has a settlement therein. **Settlements acquired under**
existing laws prior to August 1, 1940 shall remain until new ones are ac-
quired under the provisions of this paragraph.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 33, § 1, ¶ VII, amended. Paragraph VII of section 1 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘VII. A person having his home in an unincorporated place for ~~five~~
~~years~~ **1 year after August 1, 1939**, without receiving supplies as a pauper,
and having continued his home there until the time of its incorporation,
acquires a settlement therein. Those having homes in such places for less
than ~~five years~~ **1 year** before incorporation, and continuing to have them
there afterwards, until ~~five years are~~ **1 year is** completed, acquire settle-

ments therein. **Settlements acquired under existing laws prior to August 1, 1940 shall remain until new ones are acquired under the provisions of this paragraph.'**

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 33, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 124 of the public laws of 1931, and by chapter 228 of the public laws of 1933, and by chapter 113 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Settlements; how retained; how lost. Settlements acquired under existing laws, remain until new ones are acquired or until lost under the provisions of this section. Former settlements are defeated by the acquisition of new ones. Whenever a person of capacity to acquire a settlement having a pauper settlement in a town, has lived, or shall live, for ~~5 consecutive years~~ **1 year** in any unincorporated place or places in the state **after August 1, 1939,** or ~~5 consecutive years~~ **1 year** outside of the town in which he has a settlement after August 1, ~~1926~~ **1939,** without receiving pauper supplies from any source within the state, he and those who derive their settlement from him lose their settlement in such town, and whenever a person of capacity to acquire a settlement having a pauper settlement in any town in the state shall after April 29, 1893, also live for ~~5 consecutive years~~ **1 year** beyond the limits of the state without receiving pauper supplies from any source within the state, he and those who derive their settlement from him shall lose their settlement in such town. The state shall be deemed to be liable for support of such persons. A person in the military or naval service of the United States shall be deemed to have a settlement in the town in which he had a settlement at the time of his enlistment or induction.'