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H. P. 1574

House of Representatives, February 19, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Federal Relations and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Old Age Assistance.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 105, Title II, § 1, amended. Section 1 of Title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 1. Department of health and welfare to administer old age assistance. The department of health and welfare shall administer the carrying out and enforcement of the provisions of law relating to old age assistance, **except that it shall not make the investigations of applications therefor provided in section 1-B hereof.** It is hereby empowered to employ such assistants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act subject to the approval of the governor and council, and to coordinate their work with that of the other social welfare work of the department.’

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 105, Title II, additional. Title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered section 1-A and section 1-B, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 1-A. Local old age assistance boards authorized. Cities, towns and plantations are hereby authorized to create local old age assistance boards. The overseers or boards of overseers of the poor shall serve ex officio as the local old age assistance board, unless the city by ordinance, or the town or plantation by vote under an appropriate article in the warrant shall provide specially for a local old age assistance board.

Cities by ordinance, and towns and plantations by vote under an appropriate article in the warrant, may unite for the purpose of maintaining old age assistance boards.'

'Sec. 1-B. Local boards to pass on applications. Whenever an application for assistance is made to the local assistance board, such local board or through its agent shall promptly make an investigation, and, after hearing, if the applicant so requests, shall pass upon the application and if approved, shall determine the amount of such old age assistance to be allowed, which determination shall be final. It shall make a record thereof and forward a copy to the department.'

Sec. 3. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform with the provisions hereof.