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In Senate, February 4, 1943.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sterling of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Settlement of Accounts of Guardians and Conservators.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Settlement of guardian's and conservator's accounts; notice to the department of health and welfare in certain cases. Every guardian or conservator shall settle his account with the judge at least once in 3 years, and as much oftener as the judge cites him for that purpose; provided, however, that when funds have come into his hands in the form of public assistance of any nature from the state of Maine, over the disbursement of which the department of health and welfare has supervision or control, he shall so settle his account annually after public notice thereon, and in every such case the account shall be filed in duplicate, one copy of which shall be forwarded by mail forthwith by the register of probate to the department of health and welfare, at Augusta, Maine, and no such account shall be approved by the court until at least fourteen 30 days after the same is filed; and neglect or refusal to do so of any guardian or conservator to so file his

account is a breach of his bond; he may be removed therefor although the ward may be indebted to him, and if the judge is satisfied that such neglect or refusal is wilful or without reasonable cause, the guardian **or conservator** shall forfeit all allowance for his personal services.'