

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 133

S. P. 90

In Senate, January 25, 1945.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Agents and Health Officers of Indian Tribes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 309, amended. Section 309 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 309. Agents, appointment, and tenure; vacancies. Agents for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, commissioner in accordance with the provisions of the personnel law, and hold their office during the pleasure of the governor and council. Vacancies shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, but there shall never be more than 3 agents for each tribe.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 358, amended. Section 358 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 358. Health officer provided for. The duty of caring for the health of the residents and for the general sanitation of the reservations at Pleasant Point and at Peter Dana's Point shall be vested in a person who shall be appointed by and hold office during the pleasure of the governor and council, and who shall exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges of a local health officer, as defined by the laws of the state.'

Said person shall have received training equivalent to that of a graduate nurse or of a nurse Sister of the Order of Sisters of Mercy, and shall receive as compensation not less than \$500 per year, to be paid out of the appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians. Said person shall, as nearly as may be, spend $\frac{2}{3}$ of his or her time at the reservation at Pleasant Point, and $\frac{1}{3}$ at the reservation of Peter Dana's Point, and shall at all times act under the direction of the commissioner. There shall be appointed a physician or other person approved because of training and experience in public health work to serve as local health officer for each of the reservations of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians. Such health officer shall be appointed by the director of health subject to approval by the commissioner and shall serve for a term of 3 years and until his successor is appointed and approved; compensation to be determined by the commissioner.'