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Reported by Mr. Welch from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Pauper Settlement.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 260, amended. Section 260 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 260. Old age assistance provided for; applications. Subject to the qualifications and restrictions contained in sections 256 to 274, inclusive, every person residing in this state shall be entitled to assistance in old age. The amount of assistance which any person shall receive shall be determined on a budgetary basis with due regard to the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the department. This assistance shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$40 per month. ~~No person receiving assistance under the provisions of sections 256 to 274, inclusive, shall be deemed a pauper.~~ Applications for old age assistance under the provisions of this section may be made to either the state or the municipal officers of the cities, towns, and plantations in which the applicant resides, in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner of the department shall prescribe. Said applications shall be made on blanks

furnished by the department and forwarded by said municipal officers to said department.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 260-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 260-A, to read as follows :

'**Sec. 260-A. Recipients of old age assistance not to be pauperized.** The receipt of old age assistance shall not pauperize the recipient thereof, and the receipt of general relief by such recipient shall not be considered to be pauper support. General relief expense incurred by any municipality or by the state in behalf of such recipient may be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense. The town of settlement, or the state in non-settled cases, shall reimburse the place of residence for such general relief in the same manner as is provided by sections 24 and 28 of chapter 82.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 285, amended. Section 285 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 285. Amount of aid.** The amount of aid which any such person shall receive shall be determined on a budgetary basis with due regard to the conditions existing in each case and in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the department. This aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support of the recipient, to provide such person with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$40 per month. ~~No person receiving aid under the provisions of sections 275 to 293, inclusive, shall be deemed a pauper.'~~

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 22, § 285-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 285-A, to read as follows :

'**Sec. 285-A. Recipients of aid to the blind not to be pauperized.** The receipt of aid to the blind shall not pauperize the recipient thereof, and the receipt of general relief by such recipient shall not be considered to be pauper support. General relief expense incurred by any municipality or by the state in behalf of such recipient may be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense. The town of settlement, or the state in non-settled cases, shall reimburse the place of residence for such general relief in the same manner as is provided by sections 24 and 28 of chapter 82.'