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Reported by Senator Williams of Penobscot from the Committee on Welfare and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Increasing the Maximum Payment in Old Age
Assistance.**

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, as amended by section 1 of chapter 251 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further 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~~ \$45 per month. **Provided that if, at any time, the maximum amount which the federal government will match is decreased from \$45, then the state maximum shall be decreased accordingly.**

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. **An application shall not be considered unless accompanied by an individual sworn statement of inability to support the applicant made on the part of each accessible adult child or spouse of said applicant, and such statements shall include full information regarding individual income, assets and liabilities.'**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 261, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 261 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'II. Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health **and such facts, together with statements including full information regarding ability to work, income, assets and liabilities, shall be sworn to in the application by the applicant;'**