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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Directing Review of Settlement Laws.

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

Sec. 1. Committee. The Governor is authorized to appoint a Committee of not more than 15 persons, representing the State, municipalities and the public generally, to study the present general provisions of the statutes relating to acquired settlements subjecting municipalities to pay for the support of persons on account of their poverty or distress. The Governor shall designate a Chairman. The members of the Committee shall be paid necessary expenses actually incurred in attending such meeting as shall be called by the Chairman.

Sec. 2. Report and assistance. The Committee shall report to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes and amendments as may appear to be necessary or desirable to eliminate the confusion and controversies between municipality and municipality, and between municipality and State, which arise in determining the settlements of persons. For this purpose the Committee may employ such technical and clerical assistance as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of $10,000 to carry out the purposes of this act, and said sum shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.