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and the utility has either refused or neglected for an unreasonable length of time to furnish such service; any existing utility may give its consent to a cooperative to serve any portion of the territory which said utility is authorized to serve. Any person who has been refused membership in or service by a cooperative may complain of such refusal to the public utilities commission which may, after hearing, upon finding that such service may reasonably be rendered, order such person to be served.

Sec. 25. Separability of provisions. If any provision of this act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. This act shall be construed liberally.

Approved April 24, 1941

Chapter 282

AN ACT Relating to the Liability of Relatives to Support Recipients of Public Assistance.

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

Sec. 1. Liability of relatives to support. The husband, wife, father, mother, grandparent, child or grandchild of a recipient of public assistance of any nature shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the support of such persons.

Sec. 2. Procedure. The commissioner of health and welfare is authorized and empowered to bring proceedings in the name of the state of Maine in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel any person liable under the provisions of section 1 of this act for support to contribute to the support of any person who is receiving public assistance. The court shall have power to determine what shall be a fair and reasonable amount for such support and maintenance to be paid by the party adjudged liable. The action may be brought in the same manner and form as that provided by sections 16 to 19, inclusive, of chapter 33 of the revised statutes.

Approved April 25, 1941