

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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racks or netting, forming one or more pounds or enclosures into which fish are led or guided by one or more fixed leaders and from which they cannot readily escape.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 258

AN ACT Setting Aside Certain Lands for Settlement by Displaced Persons of Baltic Origin.

Preamble. Whereas, the problem of the resettlement and readjustment of displaced persons of Europe is one of the major problems confronting framers of permanent world peace; and

The people of the state of Maine, descendants of former tyranny's refugees who sought freedom and opportunity within these boundaries, express deep sympathy for the plight of today's displaced persons; and

The people of this state have great faith in its future economic and cultural development; and

The economy and culture of the state, temporarily weakened and threatened by the removal at the present time of many of its young men and women to other states, would be strengthened by immigrant settlers from other lands; and

The contribution already made to the state's economy and culture by settlers of Scandinavian and Baltic origin, among others, is of great value and could well be increased by such additional settlers; and

Among the displaced persons of Europe, those of Baltic origin, i. e. natives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, appear to be particularly adaptable for settlement in this state by reason of similarities in the natural economy and climate of Maine and those countries; and

It seems likely that displaced persons from these Baltic nations will never be able to return to their native lands which have lost their sovereignty and have been absorbed by a stronger power; now therefore,

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

R. S., c. 32, §§ 49-A, 49-B, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 49-A and 49-B, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 49-A. Statement of policy. It shall be and is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Maine to encourage the settlement within its

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borders of displaced persons of Baltic origin; provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to discourage immigrants of other nationalities.

Sec. 49-B. Maine development commission to arrange for settlement through negotiations with the Department of State, Department of Justice and the United Nations. The Maine development commission is hereby empowered and authorized to negotiate with the U. S. Department of State, with the U. S. Department of Justice and with the United Nations, or with any proper agency or department of the United Nations, to arrange for the settlement in this state of such displaced persons of Baltic origin who are able to buy, or who may have bought for them private property within the state owned by private persons.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 259

AN ACT to Provide for an Increase to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the County of Cumberland and Salary of Deputy Register of Deeds.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 269, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 269 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, in so far as it relates to the annual amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the register of deeds in Cumberland county, previously amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'for clerks in the office of register of deeds, ~~\$7,400~~ \$10,300; with the additional sum of \$4,000, which additional sum shall be available for the period of 2 years from the effective date hereof; deputy register of deeds, ~~\$2,800~~ \$2,200;'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 260

AN ACT Relating to Inheritance Taxes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 142, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 358 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows: