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Chapter 55

AN ACT Increasing Payments to Franklin County Law Library.

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

R. S., T. 27, § 224, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 224 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, which relates to Franklin County, is amended to read as follows:

'Franklin, ~~\$1,750~~ \$2,000.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 56

AN ACT Relating to Relief of Paupers in Deorganized Places.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 4468, amended. The first sentence of section 4468 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Persons found in places not incorporated or in townships which have become deorganized through an Act to surrender their organization passed by the Legislature, and needing relief are under the care of the overseers of the oldest incorporated adjoining town or the nearest incorporated town where there are none adjoining, who shall furnish relief to such persons as if they were found in such towns.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 4468, amended. The last paragraph of section 4468 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

'This section shall not apply to administrative responsibility for relief of persons found in townships which have become deorganized through an Act to surrender their organization passed by the Legislature. All persons found in such deorganized places needing relief are under the care of the Department of Health and Welfare. The State shall recover for relief furnished persons in deorganized towns from the towns of their settlement, if any within the State. If such persons have no settlement within the State, the Department of Health and Welfare shall have the same rights and privileges as to location, care, support and earnings of such persons as are set forth in this section relative to persons found in unorganized townships.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 57

AN ACT Relating to Authority of Bureau of Social Welfare.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3701, amended. The first sentence of section 3701 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The department, through its Bureau of Social Welfare, is authorized to cooperate with the Federal Government in establishing, extending and strengthening, especially in predominantly rural areas providing child welfare services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent, which are defined as public social services which supplement, or substitute for, parental care and supervision for the purpose of preventing or remedying or assisting in the solution of problems which may result in, the neglect, abuse, exploitation or delinquency of children, protecting and caring for homeless, dependent or neglected children, protecting and promoting the welfare of children of working mothers, and otherwise protecting and promoting the welfare of children, including the strengthening of their own homes where possible or, where needed, the provision of adequate care of children away from their homes in foster family homes or day-care or other child-care facilities; and in expending funds made available for such purposes.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 58

AN ACT Relating to Hospitalization for Mental Illness of Convicts in County Jails.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 2211-A, additional. Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2211-A, to read as follows:

§ 2211-A. Hospitalization for mental illness of convicts

When, in the opinion of the sheriff or the keeper of a county jail, any convict confined in his custody has become mentally ill, he shall apply in writing giving reasons therefor to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections for the transfer of said convict to either hospital for the mentally ill for observation, or care and treatment, and shall accompany said application with the certification of a licensed physician that he has examined said convict and that in his opinion such person is mentally ill and is in need of observation, or care and treatment in a mental hospital.

Pursuant to said application the commissioner may order the transfer of said convict from the jail to either hospital for the mentally ill for observation, or care and treatment. The order of said commissioner, together with a copy of the original mittimus attested by the sheriff or jail keeper and the certificate of said licensed physician, shall authorize the superintendent of the hospital to which the convict is ordered transferred to receive and detain said convict. He shall also have the rights as set forth in Title 34, section 2376. If it is determined that he is not mentally ill, and his sentence has not expired, he shall be returned to the county jail.

Any convict so transferred shall be held in custody in the same manner as if he had been committed under section 103.

The transfer authorized in this section shall have no effect on the original sentence, which shall continue to run, and if the original sentence has not expired