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THE COMMISSIONER  
ON THE  
REVISION AND CONSOLIDATION  
OF THE  
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## CHAPTER 147.

## THE STATE PENSION LAW.

Pensions to  
soldiers and  
sailors.  
R. S., c. 145, § 1.  
1913, c. 17.  
92 Me., 443.

SEC. 1. Any person who has served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, on the quota of Maine, and any person not on the quota of Maine, who has served in the army or navy of the United States in said war, and who was a resident of this state at date of enlistment, and at time of making application for pension shall have been a resident of the state at least five years; also any person who has served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States in the war with Spain, on the quota of Maine, and any person whether on or not on the quota of Maine, who has served in the army or navy of the United States in the war with Spain or the Philippine Insurrection at any time prior to the fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and two, and who was a resident of this state at date of enlistment, and at time of making application for pension shall have been a resident of the state at least five years, and who has been disabled by disease, wounds or other injuries contracted or received in said service, and who is unable from his own resources and the United States pension to obtain a livelihood for himself and those dependent upon him, shall be entitled to a pension from the state, not exceeding eight dollars a month, *provided*, he has been honorably discharged from said service. No such pension shall be paid by this state to persons residing in other states.

Pensions to  
widow, or-  
phan children  
and dependent  
relatives.  
R. S., c. 145, § 2.

SEC. 2. The widow during her widowhood, orphan children under twelve years of age, orphan minor children over twelve years of age who are partially or totally disabled by accident or chronic sickness or the dependent child, parent or sister of any soldier or seaman deceased, are entitled to the same pension as is provided in the preceding section and under similar conditions; *provided*, that not more than eight dollars a month shall be paid one family.

Benefits are  
limited to  
residents.  
R. S., c. 145, § 3.

SEC. 3. The two preceding sections do not include any soldier or seaman who was not a resident of this state at the time of entering the service, or who has not since become a resident thereof.

Pensions to  
soldiers of  
Aroostook  
war.  
R. S., c. 145, § 4.

SEC. 4. Any citizen of Maine who served in the drafted quota of the militia in the Aroostook war, has been honorably discharged and has been unable from his own resources to obtain a livelihood for himself and those dependent upon him, shall be entitled to a pension from the state of four dollars a month. The same shall be paid in accordance with the regulations provided in the (four) following sections.

Certificates,  
by whom to  
be issued.  
R. S., c. 145, § 5.

SEC. 5. The execution of (the first eight sections of) this chapter devolves upon the governor and council, who shall regulate the proof required to entitle applicants to the benefit thereof, and shall issue certificates therefor.

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SEC. 6. Upon the issue of such certificate, the treasurer of the city, town or plantation where the pensioner resides shall be notified thereof, and shall pay quarterly from the treasury of said city, town or plantation, to the pensioner, the amount specified and for the time specified in said certificate, and take vouchers therefor, and the same shall be reimbursed to said treasurer from the treasury of the state.

Pensioners, to be paid, quarterly, by town treasurers.  
R. S., c. 145, § 6.

SEC. 7. The necessary blanks shall be issued to the mayors of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations, as the governor may direct, and the expense of printing and distribution shall be paid out of the treasury of the state.

Blanks shall be issued to town officers, at state's expense.  
R. S., c. 145, § 7.

SEC. 8. No officer of any city, town or plantation shall receive any fees or compensation from the state for services performed under this chapter, or in carrying its provisions into effect.

Municipal officers are not entitled to fees.  
R. S., c. 145, § 8.

SEC. 9. All pensions granted by special resolves of the legislature to dependent soldiers and sailors or dependent relatives thereof, (and all civil service pensions granted under the following section or under section thirty-one of chapter one hundred and forty-two,) shall be paid by the state pension clerk, from the regular appropriations made for state pensions.

Payment of special pensions.  
1911, c. 184.

SEC. 10. A veteran of the civil war in the service of the state, including any such veteran in the service of the Augusta state hospital, who has been in such service continuously for twenty-five years, if incapacitated for active duty, shall be retired from active service, (upon a pension, which shall be paid from the state treasury, equal to) at one-half the rate of compensation paid to him at such retirement, to be paid out of the treasury of the state. (Such pension shall only be granted upon the recommendation of the head of the department, or board of trustees having charge of the institution where such service was last rendered, approved by the governor and council.)

Veterans of civil war retired on half pay.  
1913, c. 93.  
c. 212.  
See c. 142, § 31.

Note. The commissioner calls attention to the fact that no provision exists for the appointment of a state pension clerk, except as implied from § 5. Such officer is not known to the law, nor is any provision made for his office force.

The foregoing act, from chapter one to chapter one hundred and forty-seven, both inclusive, shall take effect and become law on the first day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

1915.

This bill, including chapters one to one hundred and forty-seven, inclusive, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

*Speaker.*

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IN SENATE,

1915.

This bill, including chapters one to one hundred and forty-seven, inclusive, having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

*President.  
Governor.*

Approved.