

HOUSE No. 94

Accompanying the fifth recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 89). Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE LEGAL SETTLEMENT LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred
2 and sixteen of the General Laws, as appearing in the
3 Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking
4 out the First, Second and Third clauses and inserting
5 in place thereof the following:—

6 First, Except as provided in the following clause,
7 each person who, after reaching the age of twenty-
8 one, has resided in any town within the common-
9 wealth for one year continuously after June thirty,
10 nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, shall thereby ac-
11 quire a settlement in such town.

12 Second, A married woman shall follow and have
13 the settlement of her husband; but if he has no
14 settlement within the commonwealth, she shall re-
15 tain the settlement, if any, which she had at the
16 time of her marriage and may acquire a settlement

17 under the preceding clause. If a married man has
18 no legal settlement within the commonwealth, he
19 shall follow and have the settlement of his wife if she
20 has one, and shall be in process of gaining a legal
21 settlement in his own right under the provisions of
22 clause one.

23 Third, After June thirty, nineteen hundred and
24 thirty-nine, legitimate children shall follow and have
25 the settlement of their parents. Upon the divorce
26 of the parents the minor children shall follow and
27 have the settlement of the parent to whom the court
28 awards their custody.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter one hun-
2 dred and sixteen, as amended by chapter two hundred
3 and thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and
4 thirty-three, is hereby further amended by striking
5 out, in the fourth line, the words "within two years
6 after receiving such relief" and inserting in place
7 thereof the words:—within the twelve months
8 period prescribed in this act for gaining a legal settle-
9 ment, — so as to read as follows:—*Section 2.* No
10 person shall acquire a settlement, or be in the process
11 of acquiring a settlement, while receiving public
12 relief other than aid or relief received under chapter
13 one hundred and fifteen, unless, within the twelve
14 months period prescribed in this act for gaining a
15 legal settlement, he tenders reimbursement of the
16 cost thereof to the commonwealth or to the town
17 furnishing it. No former patient of a state or county
18 tuberculosis sanatorium or hospital, who is employed
19 in such an institution, shall lose or gain a settlement
20 or be in the process of losing or gaining a settlement
21 while so employed.

1 SECTION 3. Section five of said chapter one hun-
2 dred and sixteen of the General Laws, as appearing
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended
4 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
5 place thereof the following: —

6 Except as otherwise provided in this section, each
7 settlement existing on June thirtieth, nineteen hun-
8 dred and thirty-nine, shall continue in force until a
9 new settlement is acquired or derived.

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