

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, begun and holden at *Halifax*, on the Sixth Day of *June*, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. being the First Session of the Fifth GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened in the said Province.

C A P. I.

An ACT for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

~~WHEREAS~~ *HEREAS* it is necessary that the Poor in this Province should have some fixed Place of Settlement, to prevent their wandering about the Country, and that the Towns to which they do not properly belong, should not be put to the Expence of supporting them; Be it Enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Town or Township within this Province, shall be obliged to maintain any poor Person or Persons, unless such Person or Persons be a Native of such Town or Township, or have served an Apprenticeship, or have lived as an hired Servant one whole Year, next before such Persons Application for Relief, or have executed some publick annual Office, or shall have been assessed and paid his or her Share of the Taxes for the Poor of such Place, or any publick Taxes during one whole Year, at one Time.

Eng. Stat. 43 Eliz. cap 2.

Preamble.

Description of Persons intitled to be maintained.

II. *And it is hereby declared and Enacted*, That every Person within the said Descriptions shall be intitled to a Settlement in the respective Towns or Townships wherein such Person or Persons shall be so qualified as aforesaid.

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III. *And be it further Enacted*, That any Person or Persons who shall apply to the Overseers of the Poor for Relief, not having obtained a lawful Settlement in the Township, shall be required to declare on Oath before one of His Majesty's Justices of

Persons applying for Relief to declare their last Place of Residence.