# ASSEMBLY, No. 199

(*P. L.* 1924, *Chap.* 132, *p.* 288)

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 4, 1930

By Mr. FORT

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations

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BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section seventy-four of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

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order, adjudge and decree the able relatives above mentioned of any poor person or persons to pay such sum as the circumstances may require in the discretion of the court, for each poor person or persons, as will maintain and relieve him or them, and as will relieve the public from the burden of such care and maintenance. Violation or any such order of the Court of Common Pleas or the family court shall be and is hereby declared to be a contempt of said court and the person so violating shall be subject to all the pains and penalties which by law now may be imposed for other contempts of such court. The county, through its governing body, may also bring appropriate action at law in any court of competent jurisdiction to recover any sum of money due for the relief, support and maintenance of any poor person against any persons chargeable by law therefor.

2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

These cases are no different from other cases involving nonsupport which are handled through the family courts where they exist. The object of this bill is to place them in the same category as similar cases arising in the office of the Overseer of the Poor so that the Overseer of the Poor shall have jurisdiction over matters involving poor and indigent persons.

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SENATE AMENDMENT TO

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Amend page 2 by adding a new paragraph to be known as Paragraph 3, to read as follows:

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