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By Mr. KELLEY

Referred to Committee on Miscellaneous Business

**AN ACT concerning settlement and relief of poor; county referendum law, and supplementing chapter four of Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.**

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2 Jersey:**

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2 44 of the Revised Statutes, shall require, as a condition to the admission of  
3 any person to the county welfare-house, or as a condition to the granting of  
4 permanent out-door support to any poor person, that all or any part of the  
5 property, either real or personal, of such person, either presently owned  
6 or which may subsequently be acquired, be pledged to said county welfare  
7 board as a guaranty for the reimbursement of the cost of the care and main-  
8 tenance of such person at the county welfare-house or for the permanent  
9 out-door support furnished to such person pursuant to the provisions of  
10 said chapter, and the total amount of the cost thereof shall become a lien  
11 upon any lands owned or to be owned by such person, which lien shall have  
12 priority over all unrecorded encumbrances. The county welfare board shall  
13 take from each applicant a properly acknowledged agreement to reimburse  
14 for all benefits furnished, and pursuant to such agreement said applicant  
15 shall assign to the welfare board, as collateral security for said benefits, all  
16 or any part of his personal property and insurance when the terms of the  
17 policy so permit, as the board shall specify.**

18 The agreement to reimburse shall contain a release of dower or curtesy,  
19 as the case may be, of the spouse of the person so benefited, and such release  
20 shall be as valid and effectual as if the spouse had joined the applicant in  
21 a conveyance of the property to a third person; the maintenance and sup-  
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STATEMENT

The purpose of this act is to give county welfare boards operating under 44:4-1 et seq., known as the "County Referendum Law" power to take reimbursement agreements from applicants for admission to the county welfare-house and from those on permanent out-door support as distinguished from old age assistance, in the same way that reimbursement agreements are taken under the Old Age Assistance Act (44:7-1 et seq.).