

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 132

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House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Varney from Committee on Education and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dutton of Bingham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT amending sections twenty and twenty-one of chapter eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred sixty-one of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seventeen relating to Moneys Received from the Sale of Timber and Grass on Reserved Lands.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 20 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes as amended  
2 by chapter 261 of the public laws of 1917 is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out all of said section, after the word  
4 "purposes" in the sixth line thereof and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following: 'upon the first fund to be known as  
6 the unorganized townships fund, the state shall allow interest  
7 annually at four per cent, the income from said fund, after

8 the expenditures provided by sections 115 and 116 of chap-  
9 ter 16 of the Revised Statutes, shall be added to the school  
10 equalization fund; upon the second fund to be known as the  
11 organized townships fund the state shall allow interest an-  
12 nually at six per cent, the income from said fund to be dealt  
13 with as provided in the following section,' so that said sec-  
14 tion as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect 20. The money arising from the sale of timber  
2 and grass or from trespasses on reserved lands, paid into the  
3 treasury of the county in which the township is situated, or  
4 into the state treasury shall be held by the state treasurer in  
5 two separate funds the income of which only shall be ex-  
6 pended and applied as is by law provided for school pur-  
7 poses. Upon the first fund to be known as the unorganized  
8 townships fund, the state shall allow interest annually at four  
9 per cent, the income from said fund, after the expenditures  
10 provided by sections 115 and 116 of chapter 16 of the re-  
11 vised statute, shall be added to the school equalization fund;  
12 Upon the second fund to be known as the organized town-  
13 ships fund, the state shall allow interest annually at six per  
14 cent, the income from said fund to be dealt with as provided  
15 in the following section.'

Section 21 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes as amended  
2 by chapter 261 of the public laws of 1917, is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out the word "four" in the thirteenth  
4 line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'six' so  
5 that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect 21. The income of the organized townships fund as  
2 provided in the preceding section shall be added to the prin-  
3 cipal of the funds, respectively, until the inhabitants of such  
4 township or tract are incorporated into a town or organized  
5 as a plantation, and establish in such plantation one or more  
6 schools, and until the first day of January next preceding the  
7 date upon which the treasurer of said plantation shall call for  
8 such interest, unless previously expended according to law.  
9 When any such township is incorporated as a town, said  
10 funds belonging to it shall be paid by the treasurer of state  
11 to the treasurer of the trustees of the ministerial and school  
12 funds therein, to be added to the funds of that corporation,  
13 and held and managed as other school funds of that town are  
14 required to be held and managed. If such township or tract  
15 is organized as a plantation, the interest of said fund at six  
16 per cent shall be paid annually by the treasurer of state to the  
17 treasurer of such plantation to be applied toward the support  
18 of schools according to the number of scholars in each  
19 school. Said interest shall be cast up to the first day of each  
20 January, by the treasurer of state. The state superintend-  
21 ent of public schools shall file a list of such plantations with  
22 the amount due for interest for the preceding year according  
23 to a record of such amounts to be furnished to him by the  
24 treasurer of state, in the office of the state auditor, who  
25 shall thereupon insert the name and amount due such plan-  
26 tations in the first warrant drawn in that year. The state  
27 superintendent of public schools shall be satisfied that all

28 such plantations are organized, and that schools have been  
29 established therein according to law, that assessors are  
30 sworn and qualified, and that the treasurers of such plan-  
31 tations have given bonds as required by law.'