

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 499

House of Representatives, March 26, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Cunningham from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Acceptance by the State of Gifts
of Land and for the Establishment of a State Park and For-
est within the State of Maine.

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

Section 1. The state land agent and forest commissioner
2 may, with the advice and consent of the governor and coun-
3 cil, accept on the part of the state gifts of land for forest
4 and park purposes. The title to lands acquired under this
5 section shall be investigated and approved by the attorney
6 general of the state.

Sect. 2. The purpose of this acquisition of land is hereby

2 declared to be the preservation of scenic beauty, facility
3 for recreation as nearly unrestricted and general as is prac-
4 ticable by the people of this state and those whom they
5 admit to the privilege, and the production of timber for
6 watershed protection and as a crop. The lands acquired
7 within the limits described in section one shall never be
8 sold. They shall be protected from fire and damage from
9 other sources in an efficient and economical way. They
10 may be improved by roads and trails and also reforested
11 under direction of the land agent and forest commissioner
12 according to his best knowledge and judgment when funds
13 are available for that purpose. Timber may be sold and
14 camp sites leased by the state land agent and forest com-
15 missioner with the approval of the governor and council
16 when in accordance with the purposes of this act as pre-
17 viously stated; no contract of either character to be for
18 a term of more than five years. Revenues derived from
19 these uses shall be paid to the state treasury by the said
20 land agent and forest commissioner and constitute a fund
21 to be applied to the care and improvement of these lands
22 or to the acquisition of other lands for similar purposes.