

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 466

H. P. 1404 House of Representatives, February 26, 1929.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-six of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Funds of the Maine Forestry District.

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

Section sixty-six of chapter eight of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by adding after the word "purpose" in
3 the fourth line thereof the following: 'Except that upon
4 receipt of information from the forest commissioner that
5 there is in said fund a certain sum in excess of the amount
6 necessary for the protection of the forests in said district
7 from fire, the governor and council may issue their war-

8 rant to the treasurer of state to refund proportionately to
9 the land owners paying the tax assessed as aforesaid, such
10 sum or sums, as shall be recommended by the forest com-
11 missioner,' so that said section when amended shall read as
12 follows:

'Sect. 66. The tax assessed by authority of section sixty-
2 one shall be held by the treasurer of state as a fund to be
3 used to protect from fire the forests situated upon and with-
4 in the district, and to pay expenses incidental thereto and
5 for no other purpose, except that upon receipt of informa-
6 tion from the forest commissioner that there is in said fund
7 a certain sum in excess of the amount necessary for the
8 protection of the forests in said district from fire, the gov-
9 ernor and council may issue their warrant to the treasurer
10 of state to refund proportionately to the land owners pay-
11 ing the tax assessed as aforesaid, such sum or sums as shall
12 be recommended by the forest commissioner. The gov-
13 ernor and council shall from time to time, as the forest
14 commissioner may request, issue their warrant to the treas-
15 urer of state to pay to said commissioner such sums of
16 money as said commissioner may deem necessary for the
17 purpose aforesaid. If the tax assessed by authority of sec-
18 tion sixty-one has not been collected or for any reason is
19 not available for the purpose aforesaid or if said tax proves
20 insufficient in any year to properly carry out said purpose,
21 the governor and council may issue their warrant to the
22 treasurer of state, authorizing him to advance and pay to

23 the forest commissioner, from any moneys then in the treas-
24 ury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums of money
25 as they may deem necessary for such purpose. The ac-
26 counts of the commissioner of the disbursement of all funds
27 shall be examined by the state auditor for the purpose of
28 determining if said accounts are correctly kept and all pay-
29 ments properly vouched for. The forest commissioner may
30 employ from time to time such clerks in his office as will
31 enable him to pay promptly all bills contracted in carrying
32 out the provisions hereof and the compensation of such
33 clerks shall be paid from the funds provided for the dis-
34 trict.'