

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 43

House of Representatives, January 18, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Caswell of New Sharon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Stipend to Agricultural Societies.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 17, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 17 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘There shall be appropriated annually from the State Treasury a sum of money not to exceed 2c per inhabitant of the State, and an additional sum of money equal to 5% of the amount contributed under the provisions of section 15 of chapter 86, and an additional sum of money as provided and limited by the provisions of section 14 of chapter 86, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter designated as the “stipend.” ~~This~~ **From the state stipend the Commissioner may expend annually a sum not to exceed 2% for administrative and inspection services.** The balance of this stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies, counties and fair associations of the State, hereafter in this chapter designated as “societies,” according to the following schedule and method. Said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for, according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash of valuable equivalent by said societies upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and agricultural and domestic products, but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this chapter or otherwise shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the Commissioner as the basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in this section. No premiums or gratuities shall be considered by the said Commissioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any so-

ciety is entitled except those offered and paid upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, products derived from horses, cattle, sheep, swine, home canned foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club exhibits, exhibits of the mechanical arts, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm home and pulling contests by horses and oxen. **No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have notified the Commissioner in writing at least 10 days in advance of the date and place of its annual exhibition.** No society, the Maine State Pomological Society excepted, shall receive from the State a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least \$200. No society shall receive any portion of the stipend in excess of \$10,000, except that such limitation shall not apply to any additional stipend provided for by the provisions of section 14 of chapter 86 or the provisions of section 13 of chapter 87. No society shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition grounds distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits, grains or dairy products, or of subordinate and other granges and 4-H clubs, of a quality acceptable to the Commissioner or his regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be common or standard to the county in which such exhibition is held. No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless all cattle to be shown or exhibited shall have come from herds wherein all animals were negative to the tuberculin tests within 1 year of the opening date of the show.'