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§ 124. Expenditure of appropriation

Such sums as shall be appropriated in favor of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall be expended by the director of said station in executing section 123.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 305.

CHAPTER 7**EXTENSION WORK WITH STATE UNIVERSITY**

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§ 191. Purpose

In order to aid in diffusing among the people of this State useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and rural life and to encourage the application of the same, there may be inaugurated in each of the several counties of the State extension work which shall be carried on in cooperation with the University of Maine, College of Agriculture.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 306.

§ 192. Demonstrations and information

Cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics and imparting information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications and otherwise. This work shall be carried on in each county in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the executive committee of the county extension association provided for in section 193, and the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, or their duly appointed representatives.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 307.

§ 193. County extension associations

For the purpose of carrying out this chapter, there may be created in each county or combination of 2 counties within the State an organization to be known as a "county extension association," and its services available to all residents of a county. Such county extension association shall have adopted a constitution and set of bylaws acceptable to the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, and they shall be recognized as the official body within said county or counties for carrying on extension work in agriculture and home economics within said county or counties in cooperation with the University of Maine, College of Agriculture. Such organization may make such regulations and bylaws for its government and the carrying on of its work as are not inconsistent with said chapter, provided but one such organization shall be formed in each county.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 308.

§ 194. Budget and taxes

The executive committee of each county extension association shall annually prepare an annual financial budget for the 12 months beginning January 1st next thereafter, showing in detail its estimate of the amount of money to be expended under this chapter within the county or counties for such 12 months, shall submit the same to a vote of the association at the regular annual meeting and, if the budget is approved by a majority vote of the members of the association present at such meeting, the executive committee shall submit the same to the board of county commissioners on a date in December approved by said county commissioners, and the county commissioners may, if they deem it justifiable, include the amount of this budget in the appropriations by them annually recommended, and levy a tax therefor. The amount thus raised by direct taxation within any county or combination of counties for the purposes of this chapter shall be not less than \$1,000 annually per county extension agent. At the request of the county extension association made on the said date in December, the county commissioners of the county may allow an amount in excess of the minimum specified, which shall be included in the budget and for which a tax shall be levied. These funds shall be used for the maintenance of the county extension service, including salaries of agents and clerks, office rental, supplies, equipment, postage, telephone and for such other expenses as necessary to maintain an efficient and effective county extension service. Whenever the inhabitants of 2 coun-

ties shall unite for organization in one association, the amount of the tax assessed upon each county shall be in the proportion which the last state valuation in that county bears to the total of the last state valuation in the 2 counties so united.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 309.

§ 195. Annual reports

It shall be the duty of each said county extension association, annually, on or before the 10th day of December, to present its plan of extension work for the ensuing year and to render to both the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, and the county commissioners a full detailed report of its extension activities for the preceding fiscal year, including a detailed report of its receipts and expenditures from all sources. The financial report of such county extension association shall be on such forms as may be prescribed by the trustees of the University of Maine, College of Agriculture.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 310.