

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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HOUSE.]

[No. 36.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-THREE.

AN ACT regulating the management and sale of the
public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The land agent, under the direction of
2 the governor and council, shall annually in the month
3 of February set apart for sale not exceeding ten
4 townships of the land now owned or that may here-
5 after be owned by this state, not suitable for settle-
6 ment ; and shall make a record of the same in a book
7 to be kept for that purpose in the land office ; and a
8 list of the lands thus set apart shall be published in
9 the state paper six months successively before the

10 day of sale, and such townships or parts of townships
11 shall be sold in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECT. 2. Said agent shall ascertain the value of
2 the several tracts so set apart, and shall furnish a list
3 of such townships or parts of townships so set apart,
4 to the publisher of one newspaper published in each
5 county, (if one is published therein,) and said list shall
6 be published three months successively prior to the
7 day of sale; and the said land agent shall, on the first
8 day of September annually, at the land office in Ban-
9 gor, fix a minimum price for such lands, and proceed
10 to sell the same by sealed proposals in writing; and
11 no such proposal to purchase shall be considered un-
12 less ten per centum in money of the amount proposed
13 to be paid for such tract shall accompany such pro-
14 posal.

SECT. 3. Such sum proposed must be equal to the
2 minimum price for townships or parts of townships
3 fixed by said land agent; and every proposal, accom-
4 panied with the sum of ten per centum aforesaid,
5 equal to and exceeding the minimum price fixed by
6 said land agent, shall be entertained; but if the per-
7 son making the highest offer above such minimum
8 shall decline receiving such township or part of town-

9 ship so proposed for, or shall for the space of twenty
10 days neglect or refuse to comply with the conditions
11 of sale, he shall wholly forfeit to the state such ten
12 per centum of the sum named accompanying such
13 proposal, and the land agent shall offer such township
14 or part of township to the person making the next
15 highest proposal, not less than the minimum price,
16 who will receive the same and comply with the con-
17 ditions of sale. And for such township or part of
18 township proposed for at the highest price above such
19 minimum, the land agent is required to execute a
20 conditional deed, in the usual form of state deeds,
21 and such applicant shall be required, before the de-
22 livery of the deed, to pay one-third of the required
23 amount in cash, and for the remainder he shall fur-
24 nish the land agent with three promissory notes of
25 equal sums, payable annually in one, two and three
26 years to the state treasurer, and a bond with sufficient
27 guaranty for amount of stumpage cut on such land,
28 as fixed annually by said land agent, to be applied in
29 payment of said notes.

SECT. 4. All townships and parts of townships ad-
2 vertised and offered as aforesaid, and not sold as con-
3 templated herein, may at any time after said first day

4 of September, until the first day of February follow-
5 ing, be sold by the land agent at private sale at a
6 price not less than the minimum fixed, upon the con-
7 ditions aforesaid.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 28, 1853. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing bill, reported by the
Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be printed for the use
of the Legislature.

ALANSON B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*