

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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HOUSE.]

[No. 12.]

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT respecting the redemption of land sold for the  
payment of taxes.

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

SECT. 1. In all cases where lands have been, or may  
2 be sold by the Treasurer of State, as forfeited for the  
3 non-payment of taxes, any owner, or part owner, may  
4 redeem his proportion of the tract sold, by paying or  
5 tendering, to the purchaser, within the time allowed  
6 by law for the redemption, his proportion of what said  
7 purchaser paid for the same at the Treasurer's sale,  
8 with interest thereon at the rate of twenty per cent.

9 per annum from the time of such sale, and one dollar  
10 for cost of release ; or by paying the same to the Trea-  
11 surer of State, who shall give a certificate thereof, for  
12 which he shall be entitled to receive fifty cents ; and  
13 such certificate recorded in the registry of deeds for  
14 the County where said land is situated, shall be held  
15 in law to be a good release and discharge of such land  
16 from all claim, lien or title, created by the forfeiture  
17 and sale aforesaid ; and the title to the land so re-  
18 deemed, shall revert, and be held to be the same as if  
19 such sale had never been made.

SECT. 2. In case any owner or part owner shall pay  
2 or tender to the purchaser the amount due from him,  
3 with the interest and cost for release, as aforesaid,  
4 within the time allowed by law for the redemption, it  
5 shall be the duty of said purchaser to make and exe-  
6 cute, upon reasonable demand, a release of the land so  
7 redeemed, discharging any claim by virtue of such sale ;  
8 and if he shall unreasonably neglect or refuse so to do,  
9 a bill in equity may be maintained against him, to  
10 compel the execution of such discharge, together with  
11 the payment of costs, and any damages occasioned by  
12 such unreasonable neglect and refusal.

SECT. 3. When any money shall have been paid to  
2 the Treasurer of State under the provisions of this act,  
3 the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant on the  
4 Treasurer for the payment of the same to the pur-  
5 chaser for whom it was so paid, or his legal repre-  
6 sentatives.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its approval by the Governor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 10, 1857. }

Referred to the Judiciary Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

GEORGE W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*

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IN SENATE, Feb. 11, 1857. Concurred.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
Feb. 21, 1857. }

Laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*