

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 15.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-TWO.

AN ACT to amend chapter fifty-eight of revised statutes,
relating to agricultural societies.

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

Sections twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and six-
teen of the fifty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes
be amended so as to read as follows: .

SECTION 12. The treasurer of state is hereby author-
ized and directed to pay to the treasurer of any incor-
porated agricultural or horticultural society, in case he
shall apply for the same on or before the first Wednes-
day of December in any year, in conformity with the
conditions hereinafter specified, a sum equal to that

7 raised by such society within the year next preceding
8 such application. *Provided*, that such sum or sums
9 shall not exceed one cent to each inhabitant of said
10 county, upon the basis of the last previous national
11 census, nor more than four hundred dollars to any one
12 county; and if there be more than one such society
13 in any county, and if the sums so applied for exceed
14 in the aggregate the limits above named, then a sum
15 equal to one cent for each inhabitant of said county
16 and not exceeding four hundred dollars, shall be di-
17 vided and paid to the respective treasurers in propor-
18 tion to the amounts raised by the several societies;
19 *provided also*, that the Penobscot and Aroostook Union
20 Agricultural Society may receive irrespective of popu-
21 lation as much as is raised by it, not exceeding one
22 hundred dollars.

SECT. 13. None of the aforesaid payments shall be
2 made until the treasurer of such society files with the
3 state treasurer a certificate on oath, therein specifying
4 the amount raised by said society, with the farther
5 specifications mentioned in section fifteen of this chap-
6 ter, and also a certificate from the secretary of the
7 Board of Agriculture, that said society has complied
8 with the requirements of section sixteen of this
9 chapter.

SECT. 14. Every society which receives bounty from
2 the state, shall award in each year, by way of premi-
3 ums or gratuities, or shall expend for the purchase of
4 seeds, implements or breeding animals, a sum not less
5 than the bounty so received, for the encouragement
6 and improvement of agriculture, horticulture or the
7 mechanic arts; and it shall be competent for the
8 Board of Agriculture to fix the time of holding the
9 annual exhibitions and to direct for what objects and
10 purposes premiums shall be offered to an extent not
11 exceeding one half the bounty of the state.

SECT. 15. It shall be the duty of every society ap-
2 plying for the bounty of the state to require of all
3 competitors for premiums on animals, crops, dairy
4 products, improvement of soils or tillage and manures,
5 a full and accurate statement of the process or method
6 of rearing, managing, producing and accomplishing
7 the same, together with its cost and value, with a
8 view of showing the profits or benefits derived or ex-
9 pected therefrom; and the application for bounty
10 shall embrace all the specifications included in the
11 following form, to wit:

12 I, A. B., treasurer of _____ society, do hereby apply
13 for bounty in aid of said society, as granted by the
14 laws of the state, and being duly sworn (or affirmed)

15 do say that the sum of has been raised and paid
16 in good faith into the treasury of said society, and
17 that the sum of has been awarded in premiums
18 or otherwise expended within the year past in confor-
19 mity with the provisions of the laws of the state rela-
20 tive thereto, and that all premiums so awarded and
21 paid for objects upon which statements are required
22 have been accompanied with statements according to
23 the intent of the law.

SECT. 16. It shall be the duty of the secretaries of
2 the several societies to prepare an annual report, em-
3 bracing a concise statement of the financial condition
4 and doings of the society, with a synopsis of the pre-
5 miums awarded, to be made by filling blanks furnished
6 by the secretary of the Board of Agriculture for the
7 purpose. Said report shall also state the leading fea-
8 tures of the annual exhibition, the character of the
9 efforts of the society for the advancement of agricul-
10 ture, the principal crops grown in the county or dis-
11 trict, the success attending their culture as compared
12 with former years, and the obstacles met with ; and
13 generally upon the condition, prospects and wants of
14 agriculture, so far as they may be able to ascertain
15 them ; which report, together with a list of the officers
16 of the society and the post office address of each, (to

17 be renewed whenever a new election occurs,) and all
18 statements made by successful competitors for premi-
19 ums ; and any reports of committees, essays, addresses
20 or other papers presented to the society containing
21 matters of general interest, shall be returned to the
22 secretary of the Board of Agriculture, on or before
23 the first Wednesday of December in each year. Upon
24 receipt, and after examination of said returns, if the
25 secretary of the Board of Agriculture shall find them
26 full, faithful and accurate, according to the intent of
27 this section, he shall, and not otherwise, issue the
28 certificate mentioned in section thirteen of this chapter.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, FEB. 21, 1862.

On motion of Mr. WOODS of Kennebec,

Ordered, That bill "An act to amend chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies," reported from the Committee on considering acts and resolves rendering the State liable to pay money, be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary*.