

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 2.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, since February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

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

SECTION 1. The acts and doings of cities, towns and
2 plantations, since February twenty-first, eighteen hun-
3 dred and sixty-three, in paying, or agreeing to pay
4 bounties to volunteers, drafted men, or their substi-
5 tutes, where such volunteers, drafted men, or substi-
6 tutes have been, or shall hereafter be actually mus-
7 tered into the military service of the United States,
8 are hereby made valid.

~~SECT. 2.~~ All votes passed by any city, town, or plantation, at a meeting called for the purpose of raising such bounties, and all contracts for that purpose made, or authorized to be made, at such meeting, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 3. All contracts by the municipal officers of any city, town, or plantation, in behalf thereof, with any such volunteer, drafted man, or substitute, for the payment of his bounty, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 4. All contracts made by said officers with third persons or corporations, for the purpose of raising money to pay such bounties, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 5. All contracts made by such municipal officers, or by third persons, in behalf of any city, town, or plantation, but without previous authority therefor, to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men or their substitutes, or to raise money to pay such bounties, where such volunteers, drafted men or substitutes have been, or shall hereafter be, actually mustered into the military service of the United States, may be ratified and confirmed by said city, town or plantation.

SECT. 6. All taxes that have been assessed to pay bounties, or to fulfil contracts, for the objects named in this act, are hereby ratified, confirmed, and made valid.

SECT. 7. Authority is hereby conferred upon cities,
2 towns, and plantations, to assess and collect in the
3 usual manner, all taxes necessary for the payment of
4 such bounties and contracts as remain unpaid.

SECT. 8. This act shall not be understood or con-
2 strued, as making valid the vote of any city, town, or
3 plantation, to raise money to be paid by way of com-
4 mutation, to relieve or discharge any person drafted,
5 or liable to be drafted, into the military service of the
6 United States, under or by authority of any act of
7 congress, when such person has neither been mustered
8 into said service, nor furnished a substitute. But all
9 such votes, and all contracts for such purpose by any
10 city, town, or plantation, or by any officer or other
11 person in behalf thereof, are hereby declared abso-
12 lutely void.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 23, 1864. }

Reported by Mr. STEWART of Somerset, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and on motion of Mr. HINKS of Bucksport, laid on the table and 500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*