# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### STATE OF MAINE.

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# FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE. No. 8.

#### STATE OF MAINE.

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

#### AN ACT providing bounties for soldiers.

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

- Section 1. There shall be paid from the treasury
- 2 of the state to each person who shall enlist and be
- 3 mustered into the service of the United States, on the
- 4 quota of this state, a bounty of three hundred dollars,
- 5 subject to the following limitations:
- 6 First, This bounty shall not be paid for enlistments
- 7 from any town beyond the quota required of such
- 8 town to meet the call of February first, eighteen
- 9 hundred sixty-four, unless that town shall have pre-
- 10 viously filled the quota assigned to it under the call
- 11 of October seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-

- 12 three; and no person residing in this state, enlisting
- 13 since February second, eighteen hundred sixty-four,
- 14 shall be credited to any city, town or plantation other
- 15 than that in which he has his residence until the Octo-
- 16 ber and February quotas of his town are filled. And
- 17 any city, town or plantation having furnished its pro-
- 18 portion of men under the said calls of October and
- 19 February, may continue to enlist men from any source
- 20 open to it under this limitation who shall be credited
- 21 to it for its benefit under any call that may hereafter
- 22 be made.
- 23 Second, This act shall not apply to enlistments for
- 24 coast and frontier defence, unless persons enlisting
- 25 in that branch of the service shall be ordered for
- 26 duty beyond the limits of the state, in which case
- 27 they shall be paid two hundred dollars, in addition
- 28 to the bounty now established by law.
  - Sect. 2. Soldiers already in the service, and re-en-
  - 2 listing, shall be paid such bounty under the same reg-
  - 3 ulations and conditions as those enlisting for the first
  - 4 time.
    - Sect. 3. No person shall be entitled to receive from
  - 2 this state, or any town in it, any sum in addition to
  - 3 the bounty provided for in this act.
    - SECT. 4. Any sum paid as bounty from any source,

- 2 except from the United States, to any such soldier,
- 3 shall be deducted from the amount to be paid from
- 4 the state treasury.
  - Sect. 5. Cities, towns and plantations are hereby
- 2 authorized to raise a sum of money not exceeding
- 3 twenty-five dollars for each man of its proportion of
- 4 troops required by any call by the president, to be
- 5 used in paying recruiting agents and other expenses
- 6 of enlistment, which shall be assessed and collected in
- 7 the same manner as other moneys raised for necessary
- 8 municipal purposes.
  - Sect. 6. Any city, town, or plantation is hereby
- 2 authorized to make temporary provision for, and pay
- 3 to its recruits such bounty, under the aforesaid condi-
- 4 tions, which shall be reimbursed to it from the state
- 5 treasury, but payment of a greater sum than three
- 6 hundred dollars per man, shall operate as a forfeiture
- 7 of the right to reimbursement, in the case of each
- 8 person so overpaid.
  - Sect. 7. This act shall take effect on its approval
- 2 by the governor.

#### STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives, February 18, 1864.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Woodstock, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, Clerk.