

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 26.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The past acts and doings of cities, towns  
2 and plantations in offering, paying and contracting to  
3 pay and in raising and providing the means to pay  
4 bounties to or for volunteers, drafted men or substitutes  
5 of drafted or enrolled men mustered into, or enlisted  
6 for, the military or naval service of the United States,  
7 are hereby made valid.

SECT. 2. All contracts heretofore made by the duly  
2 authorized municipal officers of any city, town or plan-

3 tation with any volunteer, drafted man or substitute  
4 for the payment of any bounty voted by such city,  
5 town or plantation ; and all contracts heretofore made  
6 by said officers or their duly authorized agents with  
7 third persons, corporations or associations for the pur-  
8 pose of providing the means to pay bounties to volun-  
9 teers, drafted men or substitutes are hereby made  
10 valid.

SECT. 3. All contracts heretofore made by such mu-  
2 nicipal officers, or by third persons, in behalf of any  
3 city, town or plantation, but without previous author-  
4 ity therefor, to pay bounties to or for volunteers, drafted  
5 men or substitutes actually in or enlisted for the mili-  
6 tary or naval service of the United States may be rat-  
7 ified, confirmed and made valid by any city, town or  
8 plantation at any legal meeting thereof, an article be-  
9 ing expressly inserted in the warrant calling such  
10 meeting that such matter will be presented for the  
11 action of such city, town or plantation.

SECT. 4. Authority is hereby conferred upon cities,  
2 towns and plantations to ratify, confirm and make  
3 valid their doings, and the doings of their municipal  
4 officers, touching any orders, notes, obligations and  
5 other written contracts heretofore made and entered  
6 into for war purposes, under any call of the president

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7 of the United States for soldiers or under any act of  
8 congress.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 by the governor.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1866.

Reported by Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*