

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to equalize the war expenditures of the several cities, towns and plantations.

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

SECTION 1. As soon as may be after the approval of 2 this act, and before the thirtieth day of September of 3 the current year, the governor and council shall ex- 4 amine the accounts on claims of the several cities, 5 towns and plantations of this state, for expenditures 6 made and liabilities incurred in furnishing soldiers to 7 the state under the several calls of the president of 8 the United States therefor, to suppress the late rebel- 9 lion, and shall determine the amount which shall be 10 allowed or reimbursed to each respectively, which ad-

11 justment shall be made on the following basis, viz :  
12 Allowing to each city, town or plantation an amount  
13 not exceeding its actual expenditures, necessarily in-  
14 curred, having reference only to the amount paid as  
15 bounty and expenses attending the same, in which  
16 adjustment, unnecessary bounties and expenses shall  
17 be reduced to a just basis, and requiring each town to  
18 send its vouchers and furnish all necessary aid in set-  
19 tling its claims, and for this service, the governor and  
20 council shall be entitled to a just compensation to be  
21 paid by the state.

SECT. 2. When said amounts are thus ascertained  
2 with interest to the first day of January, eighteen  
3 hundred and sixty-seven, and certified to the treasurer  
4 he shall notify the several cities, towns and planta-  
5 tions of the amount allowed to each ; and shall ex-  
6 ecute, in due form, the bonds of the state for their  
7 benefit, in sums of one thousand, five hundred, and  
8 one hundred dollars, to the amount of one third of  
9 the whole sum allowed, not exceeding two millions of  
10 dollars ; but if one third exceeds two millions, then  
11 each shall receive its proportion of that sum. Said  
12 bonds shall be payable at any time within twenty  
13 years with interest coupons attached, payable annually  
14 at the rate of six per cent., and shall be kept in the  
15 state treasury until sold, and may then be registered

16 in the name of the holder, and principal and interest  
17 made payable only to his order at any bank in this  
18 state or Boston at the option of the treasurer.

SECT. 3. The bonds belonging to any city, town or  
2 plantation that votes so to do, shall be sold by the  
3 state treasurer if they can be sold at par; and the  
4 amount so received shall be paid to the treasurer of  
5 such cities, town and plantations, and applied to the  
6 payment of the indebtedness thereof, or if not in debt,  
7 to pay state taxes, current town expenses, or for the  
8 support of schools as the town may vote; and while  
9 said bonds remain unsold, the interest shall be applied  
10 to the same purposes; and for convenience in paying  
11 such interest and state taxes, the balance only may be  
12 remitted.

SECT. 4. In addition to the ordinary state tax, a tax  
2 of one and one-half mills on the dollar shall be an-  
3 nually assessed on the state valuation for the purpose  
4 of paying the interest on said bonds and as a sinking  
5 fund for the purchase or payment thereof whether  
6 owned by the town or an individual; and in paying  
7 said bonds before maturity from said sinking fund, the  
8 treasurer shall give preference to towns whose neces-  
9 sities appear to be the greatest.

SECT. 5. Any money received from the United  
2 States on account of the war claims of the state on the

3 general government, shall be applied towards paying  
4 the indebtedness of the state in such manner as the  
5 treasurer with the advice of the governor and council  
6 may determine.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
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FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*