

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1111

S. P. 408

In Senate, February 6, 1963

Referred to Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Municipal Forest Fire Suppression Costs.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 97, § 60, sub-§§ IV & V, amended. Subsections IV and V of section 60 of chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

IV. Payment of forest fire suppression costs; State $\frac{1}{2}$ reimbursement. ~~Towns, cities or plantations~~ **Municipalities**, within the State, outside the limits of the Maine Forest District, shall be helden to pay for controlling and extinguishing forest fires up to ~~2% of their tax~~ **1% of their state valuation** and the State shall reimburse them $\frac{1}{2}$ the above costs incurred by the forest fire warden in charge therein. Reimbursement will not be allowed for use or loss of municipally owned equipment within the town in which the fire occurred. A town going to the aid of another, even to protect itself, when requested by the state forest fire warden in charge, shall be paid by the town aided if the total suppression cost of the town is not over ~~2%~~ **1%** of its ~~tax~~ **state valuation**.

V. Payment of forest fire suppression costs beyond 1% of state valuation. All forest fire suppression costs in ~~towns, cities and plantations~~ **municipalities** within the State, outside the limits of the Maine Forestry District, in an amount greater than ~~2% of the town tax valuation~~ **1% of the state valuation of the municipality** in which the fire occurred shall be paid by the State. Any ~~town, city or plantation~~ **municipality** in order to pay labor quickly may pay beyond ~~the 2% town tax~~ **1% of its state valuation** and submit for full state reimbursement or forward the unpaid bills, approved by the state forest fire warden in charge, for payment.'