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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Acquisition of Land for National Forests.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 753, amended. Section 753 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 753. State consent to acquisition of national forests

Subject to the Act of Congress of March 1, 1911, 36 Statutes 961, known as the Weeks Act, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, the consent of the State of Maine is given for the United States to acquire by purchase, **gift or exchange** upon the payment of adequate compensation not exceeding 300,000 acres of land within the Counties of Hancock and Washington and that part of Penobscot County easterly of the Penobscot and Mattawamkeag Rivers, and not exceeding 300,000 acres of land in that part of Aroostook County which lies south of the following line, to wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of Township 7, Range 5 in Aroostook County, and running thence easterly along the north line of said township and the continuation thereof easterly to the east line of Aroostook County or international boundary line, and such lands within that portion of Oxford County included ~~or~~ within ~~5 miles of the~~ purchase unit boundaries of the White Mountain National Forest on July 5, 1935, all in this State as are suitable for national forest purposes, and not over 2,000 acres in Cumberland County for preserves for the protection and conservation of migratory birds; but no such acquisition shall be made against the protest of any owner. Sections 751, 752 and 754 shall not apply to any lands acquired under this section and section 755.

This section as it relates to Oxford County shall be limited to such acquisition as shall have been actually acquired prior to April 2, 1951, and no further land in Oxford County shall be acquired after such date.