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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 28

S.P. 27

In Senate, January 5, 1983

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT to Remove the Statutory Requirement for Payment of Fees by Baxter State Park to the Maine Forest Service for the Forest Fire Protection.

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

12 MRSA §901, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 497, §3, is further amended to read:

All the lands in Townships 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Range 9 W.E.L.S. and in Townships 3, 4, 5 and 6, Range 10 W.E.L.S., ~~Piscataquis~~ Piscataquis County, and Township 6, Range 8 W.E.L.S., Penobscot County, that have been donated and conveyed to the State of Maine in trust by Percival Proctor Baxter and all lands in said Townships 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Range 9 and

1 in Townships 3, 4, 5 and 6, Range 10, and in Township
2 6, Range 8 and all lands in Piscataquis and Penobscot
3 Counties that hereafter shall be donated and conveyed
4 to the said State by said Baxter in trust for state
5 forest, public park and public recreational purposes
6 are named and shall hereafter be named "Baxter State
7 Park" in honor of the donor, and the same hereafter
8 shall forever be so designated on the official maps
9 and records of the State. They shall be under the
10 joint supervision and control of, and shall be admin-
11 istered by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry,
12 the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and
13 the Attorney General, and the said commissioner,
14 director and Attorney General shall have full power
15 in the control and management of the same, under the
16 title of Baxter State Park Authority. ~~The authority~~
17 ~~shall make payments to the Bureau of Forestry in lieu~~
18 ~~of taxes on the basis of the state-wide annual per~~
19 ~~acre expenditures for forest fire protection for the~~
20 ~~last fiscal year for all land within the Baxter State~~
21 ~~Park area.~~ The authority shall receive moneys avail-
22 able from trust funds established by the donor of the
23 park and shall include fees collected, income from
24 park trust funds invested by the Treasurer of State
25 and other miscellaneous income derived from the park
26 for maintenance and operation of the park.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

28 In light of the fact that the Bureau of Parks
29 and Recreation, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and
30 the Bureau of Public Lands do not pay the forest tax,
31 it is felt that Baxter State Park should also be ex-
32 empt as a state-owned public park. This bill pro-
33 vides that exemption by removing the appropriate
34 statutory language requiring payment.

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