
FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 25.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter fifty-eight of the revised statutes relating to agricultural societies.

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

SECTION 1. County and local agricultural societies
2 may take and hold property, real and personal, the
3 income of which shall not exceed three thousand dol-
4 lars, to be applied exclusively to the advancement of
5 agriculture, horticulture, and the arts connected there-
6 with, and may mortgage, sell or convey the same for
7 the purpose aforesaid. .

SECT. 2. For the use and benefit of such societies,
2 the treasurer of the same for the time being is au-
3 thorized to receive any conveyance or lease of real or

4 personal property, to hold, sell, mortgage or pledge the
5 same for the use and benefit of the society, and shall
6 give bond to the trustees of said society for the safe
7 keeping of said property and for the faithful discharge
8 of his duties.

SECT. 3. Section fourteen of chapter fifty-eight of
2 the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as
3 follows :

4 “Sect. 14. Every society which receives bounty
5 from the state shall award in each year by way of
6 premiums or gratuities, or shall expend in accordance
7 with directions from the board of agriculture, a sum
8 not less than the bounty so received, for the encourage-
9 ment and improvement of agriculture, horticulture or
10 the mechanic arts, and it shall be competent for the
11 board of agriculture to direct for what purposes and
12 objects such expenditure shall be made, to an extent
13 not exceeding one half the bounty of the state.”

SECT. 4. So much of chapter one hundred and thirty-
2 seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-two as
3 may conflict with the above is hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1868.

Reported by Mr. PIERCE, from the Committee on Agriculture,
and printed under the Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*