FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 49.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section one hundred and forty-six of chapter six of the revised statutes relating to the recovery of money paid for taxes upon the land of non-resident owners where the requirements of the law have not been complied with.

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

- Section 1. Section one hundred and forty-six of
- 2 chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended
- 3 by striking out all after the word "that" in the fifth
- 4 line to the word "he" in the seventh line, and substi-
- 5 tuting the words "the money raised was for an unlaw-
- 6 ful purpose," and by striking out all after the word
- 7 "paid" in the eighth line to the word "if" in the

8 twelfth line; so that said section as amended shall 9 read as follows:—Any owner of the real estate so 10 taxed having paid the taxes, charges and interest as 11 aforesaid, may at any time within one year after 12 making such payment commence a suit against the 13 towns to recover the amount paid; and if on trial it 14 appears that the money raised was for an unlawful 15 purpose, he shall have judgment for the amount so 16 paid. If not commenced within the year the claim 17 shall be forever barred. The suit may be in the 18 supreme judicial court; and the plaintiff recovering 19 judgment therein shall have full costs, although the 20 amount of damages be less than twenty dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, February 22, 1868.

Reported by Mr. LUDDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed under the Joint Rule.

 ${\tt THOMAS\ P.\ CLEAVES},\ \textit{Secretary}.$