

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 36.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter forty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled “an act additional to chapter six of the revised statutes relating to lands in unincorporated townships.”

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

SECTION 1. That chapter forty-four of the public laws of Maine for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, is hereby amended as follows : by inserting in the third line of the first section, after the words “revised statutes,” the words ‘and section thirty-four of chapter six of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven’; and in the second section of said chapter, after the words “revised statutes,” in the third line, by inserting the words ‘and

10 section thirty-four of the revised statutes of eighteen  
11 hundred and fifty-seven,' so that said chapter, as  
12 amended, shall read as follows :

13 *Sect. 1.* That in all cases in which lands in unin-  
14 corporated places have been bid off under the provis-  
15 ions of section forty-six of chapter six of the revised  
16 statutes, and section thirty-four of chapter six of the  
17 revised statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven,  
18 and the purchase money has been paid into the treas-  
19 ury of the state and the purchaser has failed to receive  
20 a valid and sufficient title to said lands, the title  
21 thereto shall revert in the owner of the fee prior to  
22 the forfeiture thereof, or in any person claiming under  
23 him by deed or otherwise, upon payment to the treas-  
24 urer of the state for the benefit of the purchaser, or  
25 any person claiming under him, the amount of the  
26 purchase money above named, and all taxes subse-  
27 quently paid by said purchaser, with twenty per cent.  
28 interest thereon from the time of the payment, and  
29 giving notice in writing, signed by said treasurer, of  
30 said payment to the purchaser, his legal representa-  
31 tives, or any party claiming under him, which notice  
32 may be served by any officer qualified to serve civil  
33 precepts, or by any other person who shall make oath  
34 to said service, and a copy of said notice, with proof  
35 of service, shall be returned into the treasury of state.

36 Upon payment of one dollar the treasurer of state  
37 shall make and deliver to the party making said pay-  
38 ment a certificate thereof, and of the proof of service  
39 returned to him, which shall be conclusive evidence  
40 of the facts therein stated in any court of law or  
41 equity in this state.

SECT. 2. This act shall apply only to cases of  
2 attempted sales under the provisions of section forty-  
3 six of chapter six of the revised statutes and section  
4 thirty-four of chapter six of the revised statutes of  
5 eighteen hundred and fifty-seven; and any occupant  
6 or tenant under such attempted sale, who has made  
7 any improvement thereon, shall have the right to  
8 recover the same as provided in chapter ninety-three  
9 of the revised statutes, and said lands shall be holden  
10 for the payment of such improvements.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 12, 1873. }

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*