

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 109.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter forty-four of the general laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to lands in unincorporated places.

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

The first section of chapter forty-four of the public
2 laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in the second line thereof,
4 the words " of section forty-six," and by inserting in
5 the third line thereof, after the word " statutes," the
6 words, ' of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven and eight-
7 een hundred and seventy-one,' and by inserting, after
8 the word " state " in the fourth line, the words ' or
9 county,' also by inserting, after the word " state " in

10 the eighth and eighteenth lines thereof, the words ‘ or
11 county.’

12 The second section of said act is hereby amended by
13 striking out, in the second line, the words “ of section
14 forty-six,” and by inserting after the word “ statutes ”
15 in the third line thereof, the words ‘ of eighteen hun-
16 dred and fifty-seven and eighteen hundred and seven-
17 ty-one. So that the same shall read, when amended,
18 as follows :

19 *Sect. 1.* That in all cases in which lands in unin-
20 corporated places have been bid off under the provi-
21 sions of chapter six of the revised statutes of eighteen
22 hundred and fifty-seven and eighteen hundred and
23 seventy-one, and the purchase money has been paid
24 into the treasury of the state or county, and the pur-
25 chaser has failed to receive a valid and sufficient title
26 to said lands, the title thereto shall revert in the
27 owner of the fee prior to the forfeiture thereof, or in
28 any person claiming under him by deed or otherwise
29 upon payment to the treasurer of state or county for
30 the benefit of the purchaser, or any person claiming
31 under him, the amount of the purchase money above
32 named, and all taxes subsequently paid by said pur-
33 chaser, with twenty per cent. interest thereon from the
34 time of payment, and giving notice in writing, signed
35 by said treasurer, of said payment to the purchaser,

36 his legal representatives or any party claiming under
37 him, which notice may be served by any officer quali-
38 fied to serve civil precepts, or by any other person
39 who shall make oath to said service, and a copy of said
40 notice, with proof of service, shall be returned into the
41 treasury of state or county. Upon payment of one dol-
42 lar, the treasurer of state or county shall make and
43 deliver to the party making said payment, a certificate
44 thereof, and of the proof of service returned to him,
45 which shall be conducive evidence of the facts therein
46 stated in court of law or equity in this state.

47 *Sect. 2.* This act shall apply only to cases of at-
48 tempted sales under the provisions of chapter six of the
49 revised statutes of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven
50 and eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and any oc-
51 cupant or tenant under such attempted sale, who has
52 made any improvement thereon, shall have the right to
53 recover the same as provided in chapter ninety-three
54 of the revised statutes, and said lands shall be holden
55 for the payment of such improvements.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1874. }

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and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*