

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 424

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT in relation to Agricultural Societies.

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

Section 1. Section eleven of chapter fifty-eight of the
2 Revised Statutes, as amended, is hereby amended by striking
3 out that part of said section which relates to the Penobscot
4 and Aroostook Union Agricultural Society, the Waldo and
5 Penobscot Agricultural Society, and the Ossipee Valley
6 Union Agricultural Society, and the appropriations named
7 for each, and by other changes therein, so that said section
8 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 11. There shall be appropriated annually from the
10 State treasury, beginning in 1904, a sum of money not exceed-

11 ing one cent and one-quarter to each inhabitant of the State,
12 which shall be divided among the legally incorporated agri-
13 cultural societies of the State not provided for by special
14 enactment, according to the amount of premiums and gratu-
15 ities actually paid in full by said societies, provided, that the
16 stipend shall herewith be based entirely upon the premiums
17 and gratuities actually paid in full on exhibition stocks and
18 products, and provided that no society shall receive from the
19 State a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the
20 society for said purposes. Provided, also, that each of the
21 said societies shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be
22 enforced on all grounds over which they have control, and
23 not allow gambling in any form or games of chance on said
24 grounds.'

Sect. 2. Section twelve of chapter fifty-eight of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "and
3 also a certificate from the secretary of the board of agriculture
4 that said society has complied with the requirements of sec-
5 tion fifteen," and inserting in place thereof the following:
6 'and also a certificate from the commissioner of agriculture
7 that he has examined into the claim of said society; that in
8 his opinion it has complied with the provisions of section
9 fifteen of this chapter; with section fourteen of this chapter
10 as amended by section two of chapter two hundred eighty-
11 eight of the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred
12 ninety-seven and also with section three of this act; that there
13 has been awarded and paid by said society as premiums and
14 gratuities a sum at least equal to the amount apportioned to
15 said society and that the provisions in regard to gambling
16 and the sale of intoxicating liquors have been strictly com-
17 plied with,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
18 lows:

'Sect. 12. None of such payments shall be made to any
20 society until the treasurer thereof files with the treasurer of

21 the State a certificate on oath stating the amount raised by
22 it and containing the specifications required in section four-
23 teen; and also a certificate from the commissioner of agricul-
24 ture that he has examined into the claim of said society; that
25 in his opinion it has complied with the provisions of section
26 fifteen of this chapter; with section fourteen of this chapter
27 as amended by section two of chapter two hundred eighty-
28 eight of the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred
29 ninety-seven and also with section three of this act; that there
30 has been awarded and paid by said society as premiums and
31 gratuities a sum at least equal to the amount apportioned to
32 said society and that the provisions in regard to gambling
33 and the sale of intoxicating liquors have been strictly com-
34 plied with.'

Sect. 3. No State stipend shall be paid to any agricultural
2 society offering or paying premiums on grade males and the
3 commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to make
4 this a part of the sworn return to be made by the proper
5 officers of all agricultural societies, provided that evidence
6 as to eligibility to registration be accepted as satisfactory
7 proof of purity of blood.

Sect. 4. The payment of the State stipend to the Eastern
2 Maine and Maine State Agricultural Societies shall be con-
3 ditional upon the use of the score card system in the judging
4 of all horses, breeds of cattle, sheep and swine, and of dairy
5 products; the cards to be used for pure bloods to be those
6 adopted by the several breeders' associations. A copy of each
7 score card so filled by the judge shall be delivered to the
8 exhibitor of each individual animal judged. All county soci-
9 eties receiving a three hundred dollar stipend or more, shall
10 be required to faithfully observe the same system and con-
11 ditions.

Sect. 5. Section one of chapter one hundred and eight of
2 the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy,
3 and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
4 hereby repealed.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 18, 1903.

Reported by Mr. SNOWE of West Gardiner, from Committee on
Agriculture, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*