

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 380

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amendatory to Chapter Sixty of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies, and additional thereto.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section fourteen of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one cent and one quarter" in the second line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words "two cents;" by inserting in the tenth line of said section after the word "societies" the following: "and all agricultural societies receiving aid from the State by special act of the legislature;" and by inserting in the twelfth line of said section after the word "allow" the words "immoral shows," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 14. There shall be appropriated annually from
12 the State treasury a sum of money not exceeding two cents
13 to each inhabitant of the State, which shall be divided among
14 the legally incorporated agricultural societies of the State
15 not provided for by special enactment, according to the
16 amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full by
17 said societies, provided, that the stipend shall be based en-
18 tirely upon the premiums and gratuities actually paid in
19 full on exhibition stocks and products, and provided, that
20 no society shall receive from the State a sum greater than
21 that actually raised and paid by the society for said pur-
22 poses; provided, also, that each of the said societies, and all
23 agricultural societies receiving aid from the State by spe-
24 cial act of the legislature, shall cause the prohibitory liquor
25 law to be enforced on all grounds over which they have con-
26 trol, and not allow immoral shows, gambling in any form or
27 games of chance on said grounds.’

Sect. 2. Section fifteen of chapter sixty of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words “None
3 of such payments” at the beginning of said section, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following: “No payment of any
5 State aid, whether made under the provisions of section
6 fourteen of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes and
7 amendments thereto, or by special appropriation;” by in-
8 serting in the ninth line of said section fifteen, after the
9 words “in regard to” the words “immoral shows;” and by
10 adding to said section the following: “In case of any com-

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plaint in writing, signed by the complainant, of the viola-
tion of any of the provisions of this chapter relating to the
payment of State aid in any form to agricultural societies,
the Commissioner of Agriculture may investigate such al-
leged violation, and is hereby authorized to employ such
agents and counsel as may be necessary to aid him in such
investigation, and the expense incurred shall be paid out of
the general appropriation for aid of agricultural societies,
except that in any case where it has been found upon such
investigation that the society against which complaint has
been made has violated the provisions of chapter 60 of the
Revised Statutes the expense of such investigation shall be
paid from the amount that would otherwise have been paid
to said society; provided further, that if the society against
which the complaint is made receives its aid by special enact-
ment, then the expense of the investigation shall be paid from
the said appropriation for such society;" so that the sec-
tion as amended shall read as follows:

Section 15. No payment of any State aid, whether made
30 under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter 60 of the
31 Revised Statutes and amendments thereto or by special ap-
32 propriation, shall be made to any society until the treasurer
33 thereof files with the treasurer of State a certificate on oath
34 stating the amount raised by it and containing the specifica-
35 tions required in section nineteen; and also a certificate
36 from the Commissioner of Agriculture that he has examined
37 into the claim of said society; that in his opinion it has com-

38 plied with the provisions of sections nineteen and twenty
39 and with the following section; that there has been awarded
40 and paid by said society as premiums and gratuities a sum
41 at least equal to the amount apportioned to said society, and
42 that the provisions in regard to immoral shows, gambling
43 and the sale of intoxicating liquors have been strictly com-
44 plied with.

In case of any complaint in writing, signed by the com-
46 plainant, of the violation of any of the provisions of this
47 chapter relating to the payment of State aid in any form to
48 agricultural societies, the Commissioner of Agriculture may
49 investigate such alleged violation, and is hereby authorized
50 to employ such agents and counsel as may be necessary to
51 aid him in such investigation, and the expense incurred shall
52 be paid out of the general appropriation for aid of agricul-
53 tural societies, except that in any case where it has been
54 found upon such investigation that the society against which
55 complaint has been made has violated the provisions of chap-
56 ter 60 of the Revised Statutes the expense of such investiga-
57 tion shall be paid from the amount that would otherwise have
58 been paid to said society; provided, further, that if the so-
59 ciety against which the complaint is made receives its aid
60 by special enactment, then the expense of the investigation
61 shall be paid from the said appropriation for such society.

Sect. 3. Section twenty-one of chapter 60 of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting in said section after
3 the word "thereof" in line six of said section, the following

4 words: "and said societies shall furnish suitable space for
5 the exhibition of farm implements and machinery at a rea-
6 sonable rental," so that the section as amended shall read
7 as follows:

'Section 21. All incorporated agricultural societies may,
9 by their officers, define and fix bounds of sufficient extent
10 for the erection of their cattle pens and yards, and for con-
11 venient passage ways to and about the same, on the days of
12 their cattle shows and exhibitions, and for their plowing
13 matches and trial of working teams, within which no person
14 shall enter or pass, unless in conformity with the regulations
15 of the officers thereof, and said societies shall furnish suit-
16 able space for the exhibition of farm implements and ma-
17 chinery at a reasonable rental; but they shall not so occupy
18 or include the lands of any person without his consent, or
19 obstruct the public travel of any highway.'

Sect. 4. The Commissioner of Agriculture may summon
2 before him and examine on oath any officer of an incorpo-
3 rated agricultural society or other person whose testimony
4 he shall deem necessary in the proper discharge of his du-
5 ties, and may require such witnesses to bring before him
6 for examination, any books or records in their custody or
7 control which said Commissioner of Agriculture may deem
8 necessary for his information in the performance of his
9 duties.

Sect. 5. All acts and resolves, and parts of acts and re-
2 solves, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 2, 1909.

Reported by Mr. STACKPOLE from Committee on Agriculture and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.