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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 666

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT creating the Maine Forestry District, and providing  
for protection against forest fires therein

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*Whereas*, the forests situated mainly in the plantations and unorganized townships are one of the chief sources of wealth of the State, and the protection of such forests from destruction by fire is of the greatest importance; to this end it is a paramount duty of this legislature to have funds provided without delay for such protection. Delay in the providing of such funds would expose such forests to danger of destruction by fires, preventable by adequate precautions. In the judgment of this legislature, the facts expressed in the above preamble constitute an emergency, and the measure hereinafter set forth is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public safety; therefore,

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

Section 1. An administrative district shall be and is here-  
2 by established and incorporated, to be known as the Maine  
3 Forestry District, and to include the following territory:

Township A, R. 2, W. E. L. S.; Hammond Plantation;  
5 C, R. 2, W. E. L. S.; D, R. 2, W. E. L. S.; E Plantation;  
6 3, R. 2, W. E. L. S.; Cox Patent; Glenwood Plantation;  
7 3, R. 3, W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 3, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 3, W. E.  
8 L. S.; 8, R. 3, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 3, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 3,  
9 W. E. L. S.; Stockholm Plantation; 17, R. 3, W. E. L. S.;  
10 1, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 4, W. E.  
11 L. S.; 7, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 4,  
12 W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 4, W. E. L. S.;  
13 Westmanland Plantation; 16, R. 4, W. E. L. S.; 17, R. 4,  
14 W. E. L. S.; A, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 1, R. 5, W. E. L. S.;  
15 7, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 5, W. E.  
16 L. S.; 13, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 15, R.  
17 5, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 5, W. E. L. S.; 17, R. 5, W. E. L.  
18 S.; Oxbow Plantation; 10, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; Garfield  
19 Plantation; Nashville Plantation; 14, R. 6, W. E. L. S.;  
20 15, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 7, W.  
21 E. L. S.; 10, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 12,  
22 R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 7, W. E.  
23 L. S.; Winterville Plantation; 9, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 10,  
24 R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 8, W. E.  
25 L. S.; 13, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 15, R.  
26 8, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 9, W. E. L.

27 S.; 12, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 9,  
 28 W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 9, W. E. L. S.;  
 29 11, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 10,  
 30 W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 10, W. E. L.  
 31 S.; Allagash Plantation; 18, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 11,  
 32 W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 11, W. E. L.  
 33 S.; 14, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 18, R.  
 34 11, W. E. L. S.; 19, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 12, W. E.  
 35 L. S.; 12, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 14,  
 36 R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 12, W.  
 37 E. L. S.; 17, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 18, R. 12, W. E. L. S.;  
 38 19, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 20, R. 11 & 12, W. E. L. S.; 11,  
 39 R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 13, R. 13, W.  
 40 E. L. S.; 14, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 13, W. E. L. S.;  
 41 16, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 17, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 18, R. 13,  
 42 W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 14, W. E. L.  
 43 S.; 13, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 15, R.  
 44 14, W. E. L. S.; 16, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 17, R. 14, W. E.  
 45 L. S.; 11, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 13,  
 46 R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 15, R. 15, W.  
 47 E. L. S.; 11, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 12, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 13,  
 48 R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 14, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 11, R. 17, W.  
 49 E. L. S.; 12, R. 17, W. E. L. S.; in Aroostook County.

Township No. 4, Washington Plantation; Sandy River  
 51 Plantation; Rangeley Plantation; 4, R. 1, B. K. P., W. K.  
 52 R.; 4, R. 2, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 4, R. 3, B. K. P., W. K.  
 53 R.; D, R. 1; 1, R. 2, W. B. K. P.; Dallas Plantation; Cop-

54 lin Plantation; Lang Plantation; 3, R. 3, W. B. K. P.; 3,  
 55 R. 2, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 2, R. 4, W. B. K. P.; 3, R. 4, W.  
 56 B. K. P.; 1, R. 5, W. B. K. P.; 2, R. 5, W. B. K. P.; 3,  
 57 R. 5, W. B. K. P.; 1, R. 6, W. B. K. P.; 2, R. 6, W. B. K.  
 58 P.; 3, R. 6, W. B. K. P.; 1, R. 7, W. B. K. P.; 2, R. 7, W.  
 59 B. K. P.; 1, R. 8, W. B. K. P.; 2, R. 8, W. B. K. P.; Gore  
 60 North of T. No. 2 and 3, R. 6, W. B. K. P.; No. 6 North  
 61 of Weld; Gore North of T. 1, R. 8, W. B. K. P.; Town-  
 62 ship E; Perkins; in Franklin County.

Township No. 3, North Division; No. 4, North Division;  
 64 Two Mile Strip North of No. 3, North Division; Strip  
 65 North of No. 4, North Division; No. 7, South Division;  
 66 No. 8 Plantation; No. 9, South Division; No. 10, South  
 67 Division; No. 16, Middle Division; No. 21 Plantation; No.  
 68 22, Middle Division; No. 28, Middle Division; No. 32,  
 69 Middle Division; No. 33 Plantation; No. 34, Middle Di-  
 70 vision; No. 35, Middle Division; No. 39, Middle Division;  
 71 No. 40, Middle Division; No. 41, Middle Division; Butter  
 72 Island; Eagle Island; Spruce Head Island; Bear Island;  
 73 Beach Island; Hog Island; Bradbury's Island; Pond Is-  
 74 land; Western Island; Little Spruce Island; Marshall's Is-  
 75 land; Pickering's Island; in Hancock County.

Fryeburg Academy Grant; T. A, No. 1; Andover North  
 77 Surplus; Andover West Surplus; T. C; C Surplus; 4,  
 78 R. 1, W. B. K. P.; Magalloway Plantation; 4, R. 2, W.  
 79 B. K. P.; Lincoln Plantation; 4, R. 3, W. B. K. P.; 5, R. 3,  
 80 W. B. K. P.; 4, R. 4, W. B. K. P.; 5, R. 4, W. B. K. P.; 4,

81 R. 5, W. B. K. P.; 4, R. 6, W. B. K. P.; 5, R. 5, W. B. K.  
82 P.; Batchelder's Grant; in Oxford County.

Township 3, R. 1, N. B. P. P.; Lakeville Plantation; 5,  
84 R. 1, N. B. P. P.; Webster Plantation; Drew Plantation;  
85 1, R. 7, N. W. P.; 2, R. 8, N. W. P.; Seboeis Plantation; 2,  
86 R. 9, N. W. P.; 3, R. 9, N. W. P.; 1, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; 2,  
87 R. 6, W. E. L. S.; Stacyville Plantation; 6, R. 6, W. E. L.  
88 S.; 7, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 6, W. E. L. S.; A, R. 7, W.  
89 E. L. S.; 1, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 7,  
90 W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 6,  
91 R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 7, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 7, W. E. L.  
92 S.; Hopkins Academy Grant; 8, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; A. R. 8  
93 & 9, W. E. L. S.; Veazie Gore; No. 3, Indian Purchase;  
94 No. 4, Indian Purchase; 1, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 8, W.  
95 E. L. S.; 3, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 8,  
96 W. E. L. S.; 6, R. 8, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 8, W. E. L. S.;  
97 No. 1, North Division; Grand Falls Plantation; in Penob-  
98 scot County.

Lakeview Plantation; Barnard Plantation; 4, R. 9, N. W.  
100 P.; 5, R. 9, N. W. P.; 6, R. 9, N. W. P.; 7, R. 9, N. W.  
101 P.; Elliottsville Plantation; 3, R. 5, B. K. P., E. K. R.; 2,  
102 R. 6, B. K. P., E. K. R.; 1, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 9, W.  
103 E. L. S.; 3, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 5,  
104 R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 6, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 9, W. E. L.  
105 S.; 8, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 9, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 9,  
106 W. E. L. S.; A, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; B, R. 10, W. E. L.  
107 S.; 1, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 10,

108 W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 10, W. E. L.  
 109 S. 6, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 10,  
 110 W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 10, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 10, W. E. L.  
 111 S.; A, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; B, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 1, R. 11,  
 112 W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 11, W. E. L.  
 113 S.; 4, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 6, R. 11,  
 114 W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 11, W. E. L.  
 115 S.; 9, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 11, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 10,  
 116 N. W. P.; 8, R. 10, N. W. P.; A, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 1,  
 117 R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 12, W.  
 118 E. L. S.; 4, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 6,  
 119 R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 12, W.  
 120 E. L. S.; 9, R. 12, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 12, W. E. L. S.;  
 121 A, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; A 2, R. 13 & 14, W. E. L. S.; 1,  
 122 R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 2, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 13, W. E.  
 123 L. S.; 4, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 6,  
 124 R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 13, W.  
 125 E. L. S.; 9, R. 13, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 13, W. E. L. S.;  
 126 A, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; X, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 3, R. 14  
 127 & 15, W. E. L. S.; 4, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 14, W. E.  
 128 L. S.; 6, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 8,  
 129 R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 14, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 14, W.  
 130 E. L. S.; Sugar Island; Deer Island; Middlesex Canal;  
 131 Day's Academy; 4, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 15, W. E.  
 132 L. S.; 6, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 8,  
 133 R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 15, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 15, W.

134 E. L. S.; Moose Island; Kineo; Farm Island; Kingsbury  
135 Plantation; in Piscataquis County.

Lexington Plantation; Pleasant Ridge Plantation; High-  
137 land Plantation; 1, R. 3, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 2, R. 3, B.  
138 K. P., W. K. R.; Dead River Plantation; Bige-  
139 low Plantation; 1, R. 4, B. K. P., W. K. R., 2,  
140 R. 4, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 3, R. 4, B. K. P., W. K.  
141 R.; Flagstaff Plantation; West Forks Plantation; 2, R.  
142 5, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 3, R. 5, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 4, R.  
143 5, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 1, R. 6, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 2, R.  
144 6, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 3, R. 6, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 4, R.  
145 6, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 5, R. 6, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 1, R.  
146 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 2, R. 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 3, R.  
147 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 4, R. 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 5,  
148 R. 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.; 6, R. 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.;  
149 Gore North of Nos. 1, 2 & 3, R. 7, B. K. P., W. K. R.;  
150 Mayfield Plantation; 2, R. 3, B. K. P., E. K. R.; The  
151 Forks Plantation; 2, R. 4, B. K. P., E. K. R.; 1, R. 5, B.  
152 K. P., E. K. R.; 2, R. 5, B. K. P., E. K. R.; 1, R. 6, B. K.  
153 P., E. K. R.; 1, R. 1, N. B. K. P.; 2, R. 1, N. B. K. P.;  
154 3, R. 1, N. B. K. P.; Jackman Plantation; 5, R. 1, N. B.  
155 P. P.; 6, R. 1, N. B. P. P.; 1, R. 2, N. B. K. P.; 2, R. 2,  
156 N. B. K. P.; 3, R. 2, N. B. K. P.; Moose River Planta-  
157 tion; Dennistown Plantation; 6, R. 2, N. B. K. P.; Big  
158 W, N. B. K. P.; Little W, N. B. K. P.; 1, R. 3, N. B. K.  
159 P.; 2, R. 3, N. B. K. P.; 3, R. 3, N. B. K. P.; 4, R. 3, N.



160 B, K, P.; 5, R, 3, N, B. K. P.; Seboomook; 1, R. 4, N.  
 161 B. K. P.; 2, R. 4, N. B. K. P.; 3, R. 4, N. B. K. P.; 4, R.  
 162 4, N. B. K. P.; 5, R. 4, N. B. K. P.; 3, R. 5, N. B. K. P.;  
 163 4, R. 5, N. B. K. P.; 4, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 16, W.  
 164 E. L. S.; 6, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 8,  
 165 R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 9, R. 16, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 16, W.  
 166 E. L. S.; 4, R. 17, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 17, W. E. L. S.;  
 167 6, R. 17, W. E. L. S.; 7, R. 17, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 17, W.  
 168 E. L. S.; 9, R. 17, W. E. L. S.; 10, R. 17, W. E. L. S.;  
 169 4, R. 18, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 18, W. E. L. S.; 6, R. 18, W.  
 170 E. L. S.; 7, R. 18, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 18, W. E. L. S.;  
 171 9, R. 18, W. E. L. S.; 5, R. 19, W. E. L. S.; 6, R. 19, W.  
 172 E. L. S.; 7, R. 19, W. E. L. S.; 8, R. 19, W. E. L. S.;  
 173 5, R. 20, W. E. L. S.; in Somerset County.

Township No. 18, East Division; No. 19, East Division;  
 175 No. 26, East Division; No. 27, East Division; No. 18,  
 176 Middle Division; No. 19, Middle Division; No. 24, Mid-  
 177 dle Division; No. 25, Middle Division; No. 29, Middle  
 178 Division; No. 30, Middle Division; No. 31, Middle Di-  
 179 vision; No. 36, Middle Division; No. 37, Middle Division;  
 180 No. 42, Middle Division; No. 43, Middle Division; No. 5,  
 181 North Division; Strip North of No. 5, North Division;  
 182 No. 6, North Division; Strip North of No. 6, North Di-  
 183 vision; No. 1, R. 1, Titcomb's Survey; Grand Lake Stream  
 184 Plantation; 1, R. 2, Titcomb's Survey; 1, R. 3, Titcomb's  
 185 Survey; 6, R. 1, N. B. P. P.; 7, R. 2, N. B. P. P.; 8, R.

186 3, N. B. P. P.; 10, R. 3, N. B. P. P.; 11, R. 3, N. B. P.  
187 P.; 8, R. 4, N. B. P. P.; Indian Township; Codyville  
188 Plantation; No. 14 Plantation; No. 21 Plantation; in  
189 Washington County.

Sect. 2. An annual tax is hereby assessed upon all the  
2 property in said district, including rights in public lots, to  
3 be used for the protection thereof. Said tax shall be due  
4 and payable at the date of the assessment of the State tax,  
5 in the years when the legislature is in session, and for other  
6 years it shall be due and payable in one year after the date  
7 of such assessment.

The rate of such tax is hereby fixed at one and one-half  
9 mills on the dollar. The valuation as determined by the  
10 board of State assessors, and set forth in the statement filed  
11 by them as provided by the Revised Statutes, chapter eight,  
12 section eleven, shall be the basis for the computation and  
13 apportionment of the tax hereby assessed until the next  
14 biennial equalization.

The tax hereby assessed shall be valid, and all remedies  
16 herein provided shall be in full force if said property is  
17 described with reasonable accuracy, whether the ownership  
18 thereof is correctly stated or not.

Sect. 3. The board of State assessors shall within thirty  
2 days after such tax is due, prepare and file with the treasurer  
3 of the State, a certificate setting forth the description of each  
4 lot, parcel or right subject to the tax hereby assessed, to-

5 gether with the tax computed at the rate hereby established.

Sect. 4. The treasurer of the State shall cause lists of the  
2 assessment made hereby to be advertised for three weeks  
3 successively in the State paper, and in some newspaper, if  
4 any, in the county where the land lies, within three months  
5 after such tax is due. Such advertisement may be consoli-  
6 dated with the advertisement required by Revised Statutes  
7 Chapter 9, Section 42, as amended.

The said land shall be held to the State for the payment of  
9 the tax hereby assessed, with interest at twenty per cent. per  
10 annum, to commence six months after such tax is due as  
11 herein provided.

Sect. 5. Owners of lands so assessed and advertised may  
2 redeem them by paying to the treasurer of the State the tax  
3 with interest thereon, within one year from the time when  
4 such interest commences. Each owner may pay for his in-  
5 terest in any tract, whether in common or not, and upon fil-  
6 ing with the State assessors a certificate showing the number  
7 of acres, and describing the property on which he desires  
8 to pay the tax, and where the same is located, and paying  
9 the amount due, shall receive a certificate from the treasurer  
10 of the State, discharging the tax on the number of acres  
11 or interest upon which such payment is made.

Each part or interest of every such township or tract  
13 upon which the tax hereby imposed so advertised is not

14 paid, with interest, within the time limited in this section  
15 for such redemption, shall be wholly forfeited to the State  
16 and vest therein free of any claim by any former owner.

Sect. 6. The tax assessed by authority of this act shall be  
2 held by the State treasurer as a fund to be used to protect  
3 from fire the forests situated upon and within the district  
4 hereby created, and to pay expenses incidental thereto and  
5 for no other purpose.

The State treasurer shall from such fund pay bills for this  
7 purpose and also expenses incurred in assessing, advertising  
8 and collecting said tax. Such payment shall be made im-  
9 mediately upon approval by the State forest commissioner  
10 and auditing by the State auditor.

Sect. 7. The forest commissioner shall take measures for  
2 the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires in  
3 said forestry districts, and to this end he shall establish such  
4 sub-forestry districts as he may deem necessary for effective  
5 protection against loss or damage by fire. He shall have  
6 authority to establish lookout stations connected by telephone,  
7 and to equip and maintain depots for necessary tools for the  
8 extinguishment of forest fires.

Sect. 8. The said commissioner shall appoint in and for  
2 each of said districts so established, a chief forest fire warden,  
3 and he shall also appoint within such districts such number  
4 of deputy forest fire wardens as in his judgment may be re-

5 quired to carry out the provisions of this act, assigning to  
6 each of the latter the territory over and within which he shall  
7 have jurisdiction. All chief and deputy forest fire wardens,  
8 so appointed, shall hold office during the pleasure of said  
9 commissioner, be sworn to the faithful discharge of their  
10 duties by any officer authorized to administer oaths, and a  
11 certificate thereof shall be returned to the office of such com-  
12 missioner.

Sect. 9. The said chief forest fire wardens, under the di-  
2 rection of said commissioner, shall have general supervision  
3 of their respective districts and of the deputy forest fire  
4 wardens therein. Each chief forest fire warden, when di-  
5 rected by the said commissioner, shall patrol the forests of  
6 his district for the purpose of searching out, extinguishing  
7 and guarding against forest fires. He shall investigate and  
8 gather evidence regarding the causes of forest fires, enforce  
9 all laws relating to forests and forest preservation, arrest  
10 all violaters thereof, prosecute all offenses against the same,  
11 and in this connection shall have the same power to serve  
12 criminal processes against such offenders and shall be al-  
13 lowed the same fees as a sheriff, or his deputy, for like  
14 services, and shall have and enjoy the same right as a sheriff  
15 to require aid in executing the duties of his office. Said  
16 chief forest fire wardens shall perform such other duties, at  
17 such times, and under such rules and regulations, as the  
18 said commissioner may prescribe, and each shall receive as

19 compensation three dollars for each and every day of actual  
20 service, with an allowance for expenses of travel and subsis-  
21 tence not to exceed two dollars daily for such period. The  
22 said commissioner may authorize the employment of suitable  
23 persons to assist said chief forest fire wardens in patrolling  
24 their respective districts and every person so employed shall  
25 be paid twenty cents for each hour of service so rendered  
26 by him and be provided with subsistence during such period.  
27 Deputy forest fire wardens shall perform such duties, at such  
28 times and under such rules and regulations, as the said com-  
29 missioner, or the chief fire warden of the district, with the  
30 approval of said commissioner, may prescribe, and they shall  
31 receive as compensation two dollars and subsistence for each  
32 and every day of actual service.

Sect. 10. Whenever a fire occurs on, or is likely to do  
2 damage to forest lands within the district of any chief for-  
3 est fire warden, he shall take immediate action to control and  
4 extinguish the same. If such fire occurs upon or is likely  
5 to do damage to forest lands within the territory of a dep-  
6 uty forest fire warden and the chief fire warden of the dis-  
7 trict is not present, then and in such case the deputy forest  
8 fire warden having jurisdiction of the territory shall forth-  
9 with proceed to control and extinguish the same, and he  
10 shall meanwhile, with all consistent dispatch, cause the said  
11 chief fire warden of the district to be notified of the occur-  
12 rence of such fire. Until the arrival of the chief warden

13 at the place of fire the deputy warden shall be in charge of  
14 the control and extinguishment of the same. For the pur-  
15 pose of controlling and extinguishing fires as aforesaid  
16 chief forest fire wardens, and deputy forest fire wardens  
17 when in charge of the control and extinguishment of forest  
18 fires or when so directed by the chief warden, may summon  
19 to their assistance citizens of any county, and each person  
20 so summoned and assisting shall be paid fifteen cents for  
21 each hour of service rendered by him. Immediately after  
22 the extinguishment of a fire the deputy forest fire warden  
23 who for any time may have been in charge of the same  
24 shall make return to the chief warden of the district of the  
25 expense thereof during the period of his being in charge,  
26 including the names of the persons so summoned and as-  
27 sisting, with their postoffice addresses and the hours of la-  
28 bor actually performed by each under his direction. The  
29 return shall be made upon oath and the said chief warden  
30 is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such  
31 oath. Upon receipt of such return the said chief fire war-  
32 den shall carefully examine and audit the same and he  
33 may direct the deputy to amend and correct any return  
34 found to be incomplete, incorrect or insufficient in form.  
35 If upon examination and auditing of said return, and in-  
36 vestigation of the subject matter thereof, said chief fire  
37 warden believes said return to be just and correct, he shall  
38 endorse his written approval thereon and forward the

39 same so approved to said forest commissioner. The chief  
40 fire warden of every district burned by a forest fire shall,  
41 upon the extinguishment of such fire, promptly forward an  
42 extract and detailed statement of the expense, if any, which  
43 said chief fire warden may have incurred in connection with  
44 the extinguishment of such fire, to the said forest com-  
45 missioner, who may confirm, reject or recommit either or  
46 both said approved return of said deputy or said detailed  
47 statement of said chief fire warden if justice so requires.

Sect. 11. All expenses incurred under the provisions of  
2 this act shall be paid from the funds raised and created by  
3 the tax hereby assessed.

Sect. 12. For the purpose of the better carrying out of  
2 the provisions of this act it is hereby provided that the  
3 chief clerk to the land agent shall be a deputy forest com-  
4 missioner. The said deputy shall hold office during the  
5 pleasure of the forest commissioner and perform such du-  
6 ties as the latter may prescribe. For such services the said  
7 deputy forest commissioner shall receive annually the sum  
8 of five hundred dollars, to be paid from the funds provided  
9 under this act, in addition to the salary now provided for  
10 the clerk to the land agent. It is also hereby further pro-  
11 vided that the forest commissioner shall receive from the  
12 funds provided under this act, the sum of five hundred dol-  
13 lars, in addition to the salary as now provided by law.

Sect. 13. So much of the funds raised by the tax hereby



2 imposed and paid into the treasury as may be necessary to  
3 pay the claims, accounts and demands arising under the  
4 provisions of this act is hereby appropriated to pay the  
5 same, and the governor and council are hereby authorized  
6 to draw their warrants therefor at any time. Any balance  
7 remaining unpaid shall continue from year to year as a  
8 fund available for the purpose of this act.

Sect. 14. All acts and parts of acts which are inconsis-  
2 tent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 15. This act shall take effect when approved.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 17, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WING from Committee on Taxation and  
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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*