

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 160

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to accept the gift of one thousand dollars, from  
B. C. Jordan, of Alfred, Maine, to the State, for the purpose  
of encouraging cultivation of forest trees.

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*Resolved,* That the offer of Benjamin C. Jordan, of Al-  
2 fred, Maine, giving to the State of Maine, one thousand  
3 dollars, to be known as the Jordan fund, conditions of  
4 which are herewith annexed, be hereby accepted, and the  
5 conditions of which shall be carried out by the State Forest  
6 Commissioner.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

I would like to give to the State of Maine, to be its property forever, one thousand dollars, on condition that in consideration of said gift the State shall, once in 18 years, offer five prizes to be called the Jordan Forestry Prizes, as follows:

\$500.00	1st prize
\$250.00	2d “
\$125.00	3d “
\$100.00	4th “
\$25.00	5th “

Said prizes to be offered now by the State for the five best lots of young forest growth in the State and awarded by the State Forest Commissioner subject to the approval of the Governor, January 1st, 1927, and once in 18 years afterward forever, after a careful examination of all lots competing in accordance with the following rules:

Rule 1. Each lot shall consist of one parcel of not less than ten acres in somewhat regular shape and shall be accurately surveyed and plotted.

Rule 2. The majority of said trees shall not be less than ten feet nor more than thirty feet high and not less than ten nor more than thirty years old when the prize is awarded.

Rule 3. Said forest may consist of any of the following kinds of trees, but other circumstances and conditions being equal, preference shall be given in the following order: White Pine, White Oak, Hickory, Chestnut, Hackmatack, White Ash, Yellow Oak, Red Oak, Bass, Hemlock, Spruce, Norway Pine, Pitch Pine, Cedar, Fir, Poplar, Birch, Maple, Beech and Elm.

Rule 4. All competitors for the prizes shall file in the office of the State Forest Commissioner, their intention to compete, together with a correct and definite survey and plan of the lot, ten or more years before each award, and when such notice has been filed, said lot shall be eligible although the ownership may have changed.

Rule 5. Myself and my heirs shall have the same right as others to compete for the prizes.

Rule 6. In awarding prizes, other circumstances being equal, the following conditions shall be considered in the order named:

(a) Right number of trees per acre. (b) Even distribution over whole lot. (c) Health and thriftiness of trees. (d) Adaptation of the varieties of trees to the soil in which they stand. (e) Uniformity of size of trees. (f) Size of trees. (g) Size of the lot.

BENJAMIN C. JORDAN.

Alfred, Maine, January 14, 1909.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 10, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WYMAN from Committee on Forest Preservation and Water Supply and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*