

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 417

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*House of Representatives, Feb 27, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Barnes of Houlton.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to provide for the division and management of the school fund from the sale of timber and grass, and from trespasses on reserved lands, and amending Sections 20 and 21 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes.

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

Section 1. Section twenty of chapter eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "treasury" in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'shall be held by the state treasurer in two separate funds the income of

6 which only shall be expended and applied as is by law pro-  
7 vided for school purposes. Upon these funds the state shall  
8 allow interest annually at four per cent; the first fund to  
9 be known as the unorganized townships fund, the income  
10 of which shall be added to the school equalization fund;  
11 the second fund to be known as the organized townships  
12 fund and dealt with as provided in the following section,  
13 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 20. The money arising from the sale of timber and  
2 grass or from trespasses on reserved lands, paid into the  
3 treasury of the county in which the township is situated, or  
4 into the state treasury shall be held by the state treasurer  
5 in two separate funds the income of which only shall be  
6 expended and applied as is by law provided for school pur-  
7 poses. Upon these funds the state shall allow interest an-  
8 nually at four per cent; the first fund to be known as the  
9 unorganized townships fund, the income of which shall be  
10 added to the school equalization fund; the second fund to  
11 be known as the organized townships fund and dealt with  
12 as provided in the following section.’

Sect. 2. Section twenty-one of chapter eight of the Re-  
2 vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first  
3 clause thereof and substituting these words, ‘The income  
4 of the organized townships fund as provided in the pre-  
5 ceding section shall be added to the principal of the funds,  
6 respectively,’ so that said section as amended shall read as  
7 follows:

‘Sect. 21. The income of the organized townships fund  
2 as provided in the preceding section shall be added to the  
3 principal of the funds, respectively, until the inhabitants of  
4 such township or tract are incorporated into a town or or-  
5 ganized as a plantation, and establish in such plantation one  
6 or more schools, and until the first day of January next  
7 preceding the date upon which the treasurer of said plan-  
8 tation shall call for such interest, unless previously expended  
9 according to law. When any such township is incorporated  
10 as a town, said funds belonging to it shall be paid by the  
11 treasurer of state to the treasurer of the trustees of the  
12 ministerial and school funds therein, to be added to the  
13 funds of that corporation, and held and managed as other  
14 school funds of that town are required to be held and man-  
15 aged. If such township or tract is organized as a planta-  
16 tion, the interest of said fund at four per cent shall be  
17 paid annually to the treasurer of such plantation to  
18 be applied toward the support of schools according  
19 to the number of scholars in each school. Said inter-  
20 est shall be cast up to the first day of each January,  
21 by the treasurer of state. The state superintendent of pub-  
22 lic schools shall file a list of such plantations with the  
23 amount due for interest for the preceding year according  
24 to a record of such amounts to be furnished to him by the  
25 treasurer of state, in the office of the state auditor, who  
26 shall thereupon insert the name and amount due such plan-  
27 tations in the first warrant drawn in that year. The state

28 superintendent of public schools shall be satisfied that all  
29 such plantations are organized, and that schools have been  
30 established therein according to law, that assessors are sworn  
31 and qualified, and that the treasurers of such plantations  
32 have given bonds as required by law.'