

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 261

In Senate, March 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservations and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Ames of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

A ACT to amend Sections 20 and 21, Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to lands reserved for public use.

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

Section 1. Section 20 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "the treasury of the county in which the township is situated or into" and by striking out in the fourth and fifth lines thereof the words "of which the income only shall be expended and applied as is by law provided" and inserting after the word "purposes,"

8 in the fourth line thereof the words 'but no interest shall
9 be allowed or paid thereon until the inhabitants of such
10 township or tract are incorporated into a town or organized
11 as a plantation and establish in such plantation one or
12 more schools' so that said section as amended shall read
13 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 state treasury constitutes funds for school purposes, but
4 no interest shall be allowed or paid thereon until the in-
5 habitants of such township or tract are incorporated into
6 a town or organized as a plantation and establish in such
7 plantation one or more schools.'

Sect. 2. Section 21 of said Chapter 8 of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first,
3 second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh lines thereof
4 the words "The interest shall be added to the principal
5 of such fund, until the inhabitants of such township or
6 tract are incorporated into a town or organized as a plan-
7 tation, and establish in such plantation one or more schools,
8 and until the first day of January next preceding the date
9 upon which the treasurer of said plantation shall call for
10 such interest, unless previously expended according to law"
11 and by striking out in the twelfth line thereof the words
12 "the interest of said fund shall be paid" and inserting
13 in place thereof after the word "plantation" in the twelfth
14 line of said section the words 'interest at the rate of six

15 per cent upon said fund belonging to it shall be thereafter
16 allowed and paid' so that said section as amended shall
17 read as follows:

'Sect. 21. When any such township is incorporated as a
2 town, said funds belonging to it shall be paid by the
3 treasurer of state to the treasurer of the trustees of the
4 ministerial and school funds therein, to be added to the
5 funds of that corporation, and held and managed as other
6 school funds of that town are required to be held and
7 managed. If such township or tract is organized as a
8 plantation, interest at the rate of six per cent upon said
9 fund belonging to it shall be thereafter allowed and paid
10 annually by the treasurer of state to the treasurer of such
11 plantation to be applied toward the support of schools
12 according to the number of scholars in each school. Said
13 interest shall be cast up to the first day of each January,
14 by the treasurer of state. The state superintendent of
15 public schools shall file a list of such plantations with the
16 amount due for interest for the preceding year according
17 to a record of such amounts to be furnished to him by the
18 treasurer of state, in the office of the state auditor, who
19 shall thereupon insert the name and amount due such plan-
20 tations in the first warrant drawn in that year. The state
21 superintendent of public schools shall be satisfied that all
22 such plantations are organized, and that schools have been
23 established therein according to law, that assessors are
24 sworn and qualified, and that the treasurers of such plan-
25 tations have given bonds as required by law.