

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 376

In Senate, March 22, 1917.

Reported by Mr. Ames from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservations and ordered printed under joint rules. W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. Section 20 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out in the third and fourth
3 lines thereof the words "the treasury of the county in which
4 the township is situated or into" and by striking out in the
5 fourth and fifth lines thereof the words "of which the in6 come only shall be expended and applied as is by law pro7 vided" and inserting after the word "purposes," in the

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8 fourth line thereof the words 'but no interest shall be al-9 lowed or paid thereon until the inhabitants of such township 10 or tract are incorporated into a town or organized as a 11 plantation and establish in such plantation one or more 12 schools or until school privileges are provided for children 13 resident of such unorganized township in accordance with 14 the provisions of sections 113-119 of Chapter 16, Revised 15 Statutes of 1916,' so that said section as amended shall read 16 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 no 4 interest shall be allowed or paid thereon until the inhabitants 5 of such township or tract are incorporated into a town or 6 organized as a plantation and establish in such plantation one 7 or more schools or until school privileges are provided for 8 children resident of such unorganized township in accord-9 ance with the provisions of Sections 113-119 of Chapter 16, 10 Revised Statutes of 1916.'

Sect. 2. Section 21 of said Chapter 8 of the Revised 2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said 3 section before the word "When" in the seventh line and by 4 striking out in the twelfth line thereof the words "the in-5 terest of said fund shall be paid" and inserting in place 6 thereof after the word "plantation" in the twelfth line of 7 said section the words 'interest at the rate of six per cent 8 upon said fund belonging to it shall be thereafter allowed 9 and paid' so that said section as amended shall read as 10 follows:

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

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2 privileges are provided in accordance with the provisions of 3 Sections 113-119, Chapter 16, Revised Statutes of 1916, in-4 terest at the rate of six per cent upon said fund belonging 5 to it shall be allowed and said interest shall be cast up to 6 the first day of January in the year in which such school 7 privileges are furnished.