

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 104

House of Representatives, February 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Viles from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under the joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-one of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter 104 of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relative to the Maine Forestry District Tax.

Preamble: Whereas, the forests situated mainly in the plantation 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 peace, health or safety. now therefore

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

Section sixty-one of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one and three quarters" in the first line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words 'two and one-quarter,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 61. An annual tax of two and one-quarter mills on the dollar is hereby assessed upon all the property in said district, including rights in public lots, to be used for the protection thereof.

Said tax shall be due and payable at the date of the assessment of the state tax, in the years when the legislature is in session, and for other years it shall be due and payable in one year after the date of such assessment. The valuation as determined by the board of state assessors, and set forth in the statement filed by them as provided by section eleven of chapter nine, shall be the basis for the computation and apportionment of the tax hereby assessed. The tax hereby assessed shall be valid, and all remedies herein provided shall be in full force if said property is described with reasonable accuracy, whether the ownership thereof is correctly stated or not.'