

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 292

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House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. White of Bowdoinham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Thirty-four  
of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Apportionment of  
State Aid to County and Local Agricultural Societies.

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

Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding in the tenth line of said section after the words "for said purposes," the following: 'and provided further that no such society shall receive any portion of such stipend on account of any premiums or gratuities paid out at any exhibition held prior to September first of the year for which such stipend is available, and further provided that no such society shall receive any

9 portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly en-  
10 tered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhi-  
11 bition grounds not less than one hundred separate and dis-  
12 tinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits, or dairy pro-  
13 ducts of a quality acceptable to the commissioner of agri-  
14 culture or his regularly authorized agent, and that not less  
15 than two-thirds of such required number of exhibits shall  
16 be of varieties known to be common or standard to the  
17 county in which such exhibition is held,' so that said section  
18 eighteen as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. There shall be appropriated annually from the  
2 state treasury a sum of money not exceeding two cents to  
3 each inhabitant of the state, which shall be divided among  
4 the legally incorporated agricultural societies of the state  
5 not provided for by special enactment in full by said socie-  
6 ties; provided, that the stipend shall be based entirely upon  
7 the premiums and gratuities actually paid in full on exhibi-  
8 tion stocks and products; provided, further, that no society  
9 shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actual-  
10 ly raised and paid by the society for said purposes; pro-  
11 vided, further, that no such society shall receive any por-  
12 tion of such stipend on account of any premiums or gra-  
13 tuities paid out at any exhibition held prior to September  
14 first of the year for which such stipend is available, and  
15 further provided that no such society shall receive any por-  
16 tion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered  
17 and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition

18 grounds not less than one hundred separate and distinct  
19 exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy products of  
20 a good quality acceptable to the commissioner of agricul-  
21 ture or his regularly authorized agent, and that not less  
22 than two-thirds of such required number of exhibits shall  
23 be of varieties known to be common or standard to the  
24 county in which such exhibition is held; provided, also,  
25 that each of the said societies, and all agricultural societies  
26 receiving aid from the state by special act of the legislature,  
27 shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all  
28 grounds over which they have control, and not allow im-  
29 moral shows, gambling in any form or games of chance on  
30 said grounds.'