

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 15

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In Senate, Jan. 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Phillips from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Buzzell of Waldo.

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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 Forty-two, Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relative to Forest Fires within Woodlands.

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

Section 1. Section forty-two is hereby amended by striking out the words "municipal officers" in the first line thereof and inserting the words 'chief forest fire wardens,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 42. Chief forest fire wardens in towns shall proceed immediately to a strict inquiry into the cause and origin of fires within woodlands; and in all cases where

4 such fires are found to have originated from the unlawful  
5 act of any person, to cause the offender to be prosecuted  
6 without delay.'

Sect. 2. Section forty-three is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out the word "selectmen" in the first line of said sec-  
3 tion and inserting in place thereof the words 'chief forest  
4 fire wardens,' so that such section as amended shall read  
5 as follows:

'Sect. 43. The chief forest fire wardens of towns in which  
2 a forest fire of more than one acre in extent has occurred,  
3 within a month shall report to the forest commissioner the  
4 extent of area burned over to the best of their information,  
5 together with the probable amount of property destroyed,  
6 specifying the value of timber as near as may be, and the  
7 amount of cord wood, logs, bark or other forest product,  
8 fencing, bridges and buildings that have been burned. They  
9 shall also report the causes of these fires if they can be  
10 ascertained, and the measure employed and found effective  
11 in checking their progress. Blanks for such reports shall  
12 be furnished by the forest commissioner at the expense of  
13 the state.'