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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 134

In Senate, Feb. 22, 1923.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Eaton of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-six, of Chapter Eight,
Revised Statutes, Relating to the Maine Forestry District.

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

Section sixty-six, of chapter eight, of the revised statutes, 2 is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth, sixth, sev- 3 enth and eighth lines of said section the following words: 4 "The governor and council shall from time to time, as the 5 forest commissioner may request, issue their warrant to 6 the treasurer of state to pay to said commissioner such 7 sums of money as said commissioner may deem necessary 8 for the purpose aforesaid"; also by striking out in the fif-

9 tenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth lines of said
10 section the following words: "The accounts of the com-
11 missioner of the disbursement of all funds shall be exam-
12 ined by the state auditor for the purpose of determining
13 if said accounts are correctly kept and all payments proper-
14 ly vouchered for"; and by inserting in place of said words
15 the following: "The vouchers of the commissioner shall be
16 audited by the state auditor"; so that as amended said sec-
17 tion shall read as follows:

'Sect. 66. Use of funds; when insufficient, payment from
2 state treasury; audit of accounts; 1909, c. 193, sec. 6; c. 85,
3 sec. 1. The tax assessed by authority of section sixty-one
4 shall be held by the treasurer of state as a fund to be used
5 to protect from fire the forests situated upon and within
6 the district, and to pay expenses incidental thereto and for
7 no other purpose. If the tax assessed by authority of sec-
8 tion sixty-one has not been collected or for any reason is
9 not available for the purpose aforesaid or if said tax proves
10 insufficient in any year to properly carry out said purpose,
11 the governor and council may issue their warrant to the
12 treasurer of state, authorizing him to advance and pay to
13 the forest commissioner, from any moneys then in the treas-
14 ury not otherwise appropriated such sum or sums of money
15 as they may deem necessary for said purpose. The vouch-
16 ers of the commissioner shall be audited by the state au-
17 ditor. The forest commissioner may employ from time to
18 time such clerks in his office as will enable him to pay

19 promptly all bills contracted in carrying out the provisions
20 hereof and the compensation of such clerks shall be paid
21 from the funds provided for the district.'