

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Crawford of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Apportionment of State Aid to
Agricultural Societies.

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

Section 1. Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of
3 said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 18. *Aid to agricultural societies; apportionment.*

2 There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury
3 a sum of money, not to exceed four cents per inhabitant of
4 the state, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid
5 and encouragement to agricultural societies. Not to exceed
6 two thousand dollars of the state stipend shall be distributed
7 annually among exhibitors at the annual meeting of the

8 Maine Pomological Society in accordance with a list of
9 premiums approved by the officers of said Pomological So-
10 ciety and by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and there
11 shall be paid from said state stipend to each legally incor-
12 porated poultry association in the state, approved by the
13 Commissioner of Agriculture not more than forty per cent
14 of all premiums paid by such poultry society upon poultry
15 exhibits provided such society makes no charge for admis-
16 sion at its exhibition. The balance of said stipend shall be
17 distributed among the legally incorporated agricultural so-
18 cieties of the state not heretofore provided for, according
19 to the amount of all premiums and gratuities actually paid
20 in full by said societies upon pure-bred livestock, vegetables,
21 grain, fruit, livestock products, home canned products,
22 grange exhibits and Boys' and Girls' Club work exhibits;
23 provided that no society shall be entitled to any share of
24 such state stipend unless it shall have paid in actual cash
25 to exhibitors in the aforementioned classes a total of at least
26 two thousand dollars and provided that no society shall
27 receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised
28 and paid by the society for said purposes and that no society
29 shall receive in excess of three thousand dollars; provided,
30 also, that each of the said societies, and all agricultural so-
31 cieties receiving aid from the state by special act of the
32 legislature, shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be en-
33 forced on all grounds over which they have control, and not

34 allow immoral shows, gambling in any form or games of
35 chance on said grounds.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-four of said chapter thirty-four
2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out
3 in the fifteenth and seventeenth lines thereof, the words
4 "first Wednesday of each December" and substituting in
5 place thereof the words 'second Wednesday of each Novem-
6 ber,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 24. Secretaries to report annually to commissioner
2 of agriculture. The secretaries of the several societies shall
3 prepare an annual report, embracing a concise statement of
4 the financial condition and doings of the society, with a
5 synopsis of the premiums awarded to be made by filling
6 blanks furnished by the commissioner of agriculture. Said
7 report shall also state the leading features of the annual
8 exhibition, the character of the efforts of the society for the
9 advancement of agriculture, the principal crops raised in the
10 county or district, the success attending their culture as
11 compared with former years, and the obstacles met with;
12 and generally the condition, prospects and wants of agri-
13 culture; which report, with a list of the officers of the
14 society and the post-office address of each, renewed at each
15 new election, and all statements made by successful com-
16 petitors for premiums, and any reports of committees, es-
17 says, addresses or other papers presented to the society
18 containing matters of general interest, shall be returned to
19 the commissioner by the second Wednesday of each Novem-

20 ber. Upon receipt and after examination of said returns,
21 if the commissioner finds them full, faithful and accurate,
22 according to the intent hereof, he shall issue the certificate
23 mentioned in section nineteen, and not otherwise.'

Sect. 3. Chapter two hundred and five, resolves of one
2 thousand nine hundred and eleven, chapter one hundred and
3 seventy-one, resolves of one thousand nine hundred and
4 thirteen and chapter ninety, resolves of one thousand nine
5 hundred and twenty-one, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. Said chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes
2 is further amended by adding at the end thereof, the fol-
3 lowing:

'Sect. 33. No agricultural society shall be entitled to any
2 share of the state stipend as heretofore provided in this
3 chapter unless it shall require all cattle exhibited to be
4 tuberculin tested within one year previous to the date of
5 its exhibition and declared free from tuberculosis by a vet-
6 erinarian approved of by the State Department of Agri-
7 culture.'