

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 69**

S. P. 165

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Buzzell of Oxford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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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 Agricultural Societies.

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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:

*'Aid to Agricultural Societies; Apportionment.* There  
2 shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a  
3 sum of money, not to exceed three and three-quarters cents  
4 per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as the  
5 state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural  
6 societies and hereafter in this act designated as the stipend.

7 This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated  
8 agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state,  
9 hereafter in this act designated as societies, according to  
10 the following schedule and method, two thousand five hun-  
11 dred dollars, each, annually, to the Maine State Agricultural  
12 society, Lewiston, the Eastern Maine State Fair, Bangor,  
13 the Central Maine Fair Association, Waterville, the North-  
14 ern Maine Fair, Presque Isle, and two thousand dollars,  
15 annually, to the Maine Pomological Society. The balance  
16 of said stipend shall be divided among the legally incorpo-  
17 rated societies, not heretofore provided for, according to  
18 the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in  
19 full and in cash or valuable equivalent by said societies  
20 upon livestock and agricultural and domestic products but  
21 no such society, whether specifically mentioned in this act  
22 or otherwise, shall be entitled to any share of the stipend  
23 unless it shall have complied with the following require-  
24 ments which shall be considered by the commissioner of  
25 agriculture, hereinafter known as the commissioner, as the  
26 basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be  
27 made, as provided in section seven of this chapter. Each  
28 society claiming a share of the state stipend under this act  
29 shall file with the commissioner not later than December  
30 thirty-first of the year for which said stipend is requested,  
31 a statement made under oath, by its treasurer setting forth  
32 the financial condition and transactions of the society, the  
33 amounts paid in premiums in the several classes of displays

34 herein provided for and such additional information relative  
35 to the character of displays and the conduct of exhibitions  
36 as the commissioner may request and upon blanks to be  
37 furnished by him. No premiums or gratuities shall be  
38 considered by the said commissioner in apportioning the  
39 amount of stipend to which any society is entitled except  
40 those offered and paid upon livestock, vegetables, grain,  
41 fruit, flowers, livestock products, home canned foods, grange  
42 exhibits, Boys' and Girls' Club exhibits, domestic and fancy  
43 articles produced in the farm home, and pulling contests  
44 by horses and oxen, and in no case shall the amount allowed  
45 on account of premiums paid in said class of domestic and  
46 fancy articles, exceed the total amount allowed as premiums  
47 upon vegetables, grain, fruits and flowers. No society shall  
48 receive from the state a sum greater than that actually  
49 raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities  
50 in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any  
51 society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it  
52 shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes here-  
53 tofore set forth, at least two hundred dollars. No society  
54 shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have  
55 regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon  
56 its exhibition grounds not less than one hundred separate  
57 and distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy  
58 products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner or his  
59 regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be  
60 common or standard to the county in which such exhibition

61 is held. The stipend may, however, be paid to such agri-  
62 cultural society or societies as may display a lesser number  
63 of exhibits of vegetables, fruits, or dairy products, than as  
64 hereinbefore required, provided the commissioner shall cer-  
65 tify that in his opinion such society or societies have been  
66 unable for good and sufficient reasons to secure such re-  
67 quired number of exhibits. No society shall be entitled to  
68 any share of the stipend unless it shall require all cattle  
69 exhibited or allowed upon its grounds at exhibition time, to  
70 be tuberculin tested within one year previous to the date of  
71 its exhibition and declared free from tuberculosis by a  
72 veterinarian approved by the commissioner and all live-  
73 stock exhibited for premiums upon which the claim of any  
74 society to a share of the stipend may be based, shall be  
75 retained upon the grounds of the society until the hour of  
76 noon on the last day of the fair or exhibit. Each and all  
77 societies receiving aid from the state under this act shall  
78 cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all  
79 grounds over which they have control and not allow im-  
80 moral shows, gambling in any form or games of chance  
81 on said grounds. Neglect or failure on the part of any  
82 society to observe any of the foregoing requirements shall  
83 be deemed sufficient cause for withholding such society's  
84 share of the stipend and the commissioner is required and  
85 directed to authorize payment of stipend only to such  
86 societies as have observed all of the said requirements.'

Sect. 2. Chapter two hundred and five, resolves of nine-

2 teen hundred and eleven, chapter one hundred and seventy-  
3 one, resolves of nineteen hundred and thirteen, chapter  
4 ninety, resolves of nineteen hundred and twenty, and all  
5 other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby  
6 repealed.