

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House Document

No. 160

H. P. 578                      House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT 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 eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the revised  
2 statutes as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-six of  
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven is hereby  
4 further amended by striking out in the third line thereof  
5 the words "three and one-half" and inserting in place there-  
6 of the word 'four'; and by striking out in the forty-second  
7 line thereof the words "twenty-five hundred" and inserting  
8 in place thereof the words 'three thousand,' and also by  
9 striking out in the fifty-sixth line thereof the words "one

10 year” and inserting in place thereof the words ‘three years’;  
11 so that said section eighteen as amended shall read:

‘Sect. 18. Per capita apportionment increased; special  
2 provision for Maine Pomological Society; procedure for  
3 apportioning stipend. There shall be appropriated annually  
4 from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed four  
5 cents per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as  
6 the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural  
7 societies and hereafter in this act designated as the stipend.  
8 This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated  
9 agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the  
10 state, hereafter in this act designated as societies, according  
11 to the following schedule and method. Two thousand dol-  
12 lars shall be paid annually to the Maine Pomological Society  
13 and the balance of said stipend shall be divided pro rata  
14 among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore pro-  
15 vided for according to the amount of premiums and gratui-  
16 ties actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent  
17 by said societies upon livestock and agricultural and do-  
18 mestic products, but no such society whether specifically  
19 mentioned in this act or otherwise shall be entitled to any  
20 share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the  
21 following requirements, which shall be considered by the  
22 commissioner of agriculture hereinafter known as the com-  
23 missioner, as a basis upon which his apportionment of the  
24 stipend shall be made as provided in section seven of this  
25 chapter. Each society claiming a share of the state stipend

26 under this act shall file with the commissioner not later  
27 than December thirty-first of the year for which said stipend  
28 is requested, a statement made under oath, by its treasurer  
29 setting forth the financial condition and transactions of the  
30 society, the amounts paid in premiums in the several classes  
31 or displays herein provided for, and such additional infor-  
32 mation relative to the character of displays, and the conduct  
33 of exhibitions as the commissioner may request, and upon  
34 blanks to be furnished by him. No premiums or gratuities  
35 shall be considered by the said commissioner in apportion-  
36 ing the amount of stipend to which any society is entitled  
37 except those offered and paid upon livestock, poultry, vege-  
38 tables, grain, fruit, flowers, livestock products, home canned  
39 foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club  
40 exhibits, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm  
41 home, and pulling contests by horses and oxen, and in no  
42 case shall the amount allowed on account of premiums paid  
43 in said class of domestic and fancy articles exceed the total  
44 amount allowed as premiums upon vegetables, grain, fruits  
45 and flowers. No society, the Maine Pomological Society  
46 excepted, shall receive from the state a sum greater than  
47 that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums  
48 and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no  
49 case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend  
50 unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the  
51 classes heretofore set forth at least four hundred dollars.  
52 No society shall receive any portion of the stipend in ex-

53 cess of three thousand dollars. No society shall receive any  
54 portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered  
55 and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition  
56 grounds not less than one hundred separate and distinct  
57 exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy products of  
58 a quality acceptable to the commissioner or his regularly  
59 authorized agent and of varieties known to be common or  
60 standard to the county in which such exhibition is held. The  
61 stipend may, however, be paid to such agricultural society  
62 or societies as may display a lesser number of exhibits of  
63 vegetables, fruits or dairy products, than as hereinbefore  
64 required, provided the commissioner shall certify that in  
65 his opinion such society or societies have been unable for  
66 good and sufficient reasons to secure such required number  
67 of exhibits. No society shall be entitled to any share of the  
68 stipend unless it shall require all cattle exhibited or allowed  
69 upon its grounds at exhibition time, to be tuberculin tested  
70 within three years previous to the date of its exhibition  
71 and declared free from tuberculosis by a veterinarian ap-  
72 proved by the commissioner. Each and all societies receiv-  
73 ing aid from the state under this act shall cause the pro-  
74 hibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over which  
75 they have control and not allow immoral shows, gambling  
76 in any form or games of chance on said grounds. Neglect  
77 or failure on the part of any society to observe any of the  
78 foregoing requirements shall be deemed sufficient cause for  
79 withholding such society's share of the stipend and the com-

80 missionary is required and directed to authorize payment of  
81 stipend only to such societies as have observed all of the  
82 said requirements.'