

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 564

In Senate, March 20, 1931.

Reported by Senator Holman of Franklin from Committee on Legal Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 210, L. D. 156.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Enable the County of Franklin to Raise Money
by Taxation for the Promoting of the Health of the Citizens
of Said County.

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

Section 1. The county commissioners of the county of Franklin shall in each year from and after the adoption of this act by the inhabitants of said county, as hereinafter provided, include in the county estimates of said county, an amount not exceeding one mill upon a dollar upon the taxable property situated in said County of Franklin, to be devoted to the promoting of the health of the inhabitants of said county and to be expended by and under the direction of the trustees of Franklin County Memorial Hospital, for the care and treatment at said hospital of persons, residents of said county, requiring medical and surgical treatment at said hospital, but determined by the county commissioners of Franklin County to be financially unable to pay therefor, and shall cause a tax to be assessed to the owners of such property and collected as all other taxes for county purposes are assessed and collected.

Sec. 2. The trustees of Franklin County Memorial Hospital shall cause to be kept a true record of all persons treated and cared for at said hospital, to or for whose benefit any portion

of the amount so assessed and collected is appropriated and expended, and shall render an account to the county commissioners of said county, from time to time, and when any such account is approved by them, the same shall be paid by the county treasurer, and all such payments or a summary thereof, shall be included, in the report of said county commissioners for each fiscal year.

Sec. 3. Any balance of money so appropriated and unused at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall continue to be used in the succeeding year or years until exhausted.

Sec. 4. This act shall not take effect unless and until accepted by a majority of the electors of said County of Franklin voting at a special election therefor held in the several towns and plantations of their voting residences, within ninety days after the approval of this act. Such special election shall be called by the County Commissioners of Franklin County who shall notify the municipal officers of the various towns and plantation in the County of Franklin to call such special election in their respective municipalities and such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to elections of State officers, provided however, that the selectmen of the various towns and plantations in said county of Franklin, shall not be required to prepare for posting or the town clerk to post a new list of voters. At the time of the submission to the voters the question shall be submitted in this form:

“Shall the Act for the promotion of the health of the Inhabitants of the County of Franklin, providing for appropriation, by County taxation, of moneys to be expended by the Trustees of Franklin County Memorial Hospital at said Hospital for the benefit of persons treated thereat who are unable to pay for such treatment, be accepted?”

Those favoring the acceptance shall vote “Yes”; those opposed shall vote “No.” A special ballot for the purpose shall be prepared by the county commissioners and at the expense of the county containing said question, and being otherwise in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people. Returns of such elections shall be made to the county commissioners in the same manner required of returns to the Secretary of State in state elections and, after canvass, the results shall be made known by public proclamation of said county commissioners.