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In Senate, Feb. 8, 1933.

Tabled by Senator Viles of Kennebec pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Viles of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Auxiliary State Forests.

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

Sec. 1. R. S. c. 11, § 83, amended. Section 83 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Auxiliary state forests defined; method of establishing; appeal from rejection. Auxiliary state forests shall include all forested areas owned by corporations, firms, or individuals, ~~now covered by trees of which shall be planted to trees for use as fuel, manufacture or sale,~~ upon which the merchantable growth does not exceed 20% of the total stand of trees thereon and which are capable of producing 15,000 feet, board measure, of soft wood, and 8,000 feet, board measure, of hardwood, or their equivalent, per average acre, exclusive of ledges, swamps, bogs, or ponds, the owner of which shall, in cities and organized townships have filed with assessors and forest commissioners plans or description of such tracts with a request that the same be included as a part of the auxiliary forests of the state; upon receipt of application of owners for inclusion of land as a part of the auxiliary state forests, the primary purpose of which shall be to produce timber for manufacture or sale, the assessors shall notify the owner within 30 days of the acceptance or rejection of said application. If the assessors reject the application or fail to take action within 30 days, the applicant may appeal to the forest commissioner,

who shall have an investigation made, and, if in his judgment the land is capable of producing timber as required by this section fulfills the requirements of sections 82-89 inclusive, shall grant such application.'

Sec. 2. Chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

'Sec. 89-A. Limitation. Sections 82-89 shall apply only to common forest land which is not more valuable for other purposes.

Sec. 89-B. Reclassification of forests. All lands at present classified under the provisions of §§ 82-89 shall be re-examined by the forest commissioner and those properties not coming within the terms of the provisions of §§ 82-89 as amended, shall be excluded from the provisions of §§ 82-89.'