# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

## **Legislative Document**

No. 722

S. P. 271

In Senate, March 8, 1935.

Reported by Senator Friend of Somerset from Committee on Claims and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, In Favor of the First National Bank of Houlton, Maine.

First National Bank of Houlton; reimbursed. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, granted to First National Bank of Houlton, Maine, the sum of \$796.46 to reimburse it for a like amount paid to the state for state taxes paid by it to the state for tax deeds for 1932 state taxes, said sum to be paid from the general state funds.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The First National Bank of Houlton paid to the State of Maine, through Frank H. Holley, state tax assessor, the sum of \$1,869.42 for state taxes assessed on timberlands which timberlands were part of the estate of Ansel L. Lumbert, late of Houlton, Maine, deceased. The above amount was paid for the purpose of redeeming said lands from tax sales for the years 1930 and 1931, which said taxes with interest and charges were in the sum of \$1,072.96. The remainder of said amount, or the sum of \$796.46 was paid to procure a tax deed from the proper authorities of the state of the state's right, title and interest acquired by virtue of a forfeiture to the state for the non-payment of taxes for the year 1932 in and to the following interests in the following townships respectively, to wit:

1/3 of the west 2/3 of Lot 35, 100 A, in Township A, Range 2, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/3 of Manuel Lot, 50 A, in Township 3, Range 2, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/3 4944 A, Township A, Range 2, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/3 3010 A, Township 3, Range 2, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/3 7397 A, Township 3, Range 3, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

½ SW ¼ 5727 A, Township 4, No. Div., Hancock County.

#### RESERVED LANDS

1/3 of reserved lands in Township A, Range 2, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/9 of reserved lands in Township 3, Range 3, W. E. L. S., Aroostook County.

1/8 of reserved lands in Township 6, Range 8, W. E. L. S., Penobscot County.

3/32 of reserved lands in Township 6, Range 16, W. E. L. S., Somerset County.

That the aforesaid sum of \$796.46 was received by said Frank H. Holley, State Assessor, to be used to bid in the State's interest as aforesaid to procure a proper deed or deeds as provided in section 42 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes.

After consultations with the forest commissioner of the state of Maine, and the office of the attorney general of the state of Maine, said First National Bank, after remitting the aforesaid sum to the state as aforesaid, was informed that the state had not properly advertised the aforesaid lands in accordance with the provisions of the statute, and that, therefore, the state was not in a position to give and did not give the aforesaid deed or deeds, for which the said sum of \$796.46 was paid.

That said sum so paid into the state treasury has been retained by the state and is still in the state treasury, whereby said First National Bank is entitled to be reimbursed for the aforesaid amount.

That the aforesaid sum so paid for said tax deed was paid by said First National Bank in behalf of itself, Houlton Trust Company and Farmers National Bank, all of whom were creditors of the estate of the said Ansel L. Lumbert; that said creditors have brought their actions against said estate to protect and enforce their respective claims and had the right to proect the title of said estate in said lands by bidding in said lands in accordance with the provisions of statute.