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House of Representatives, February 22, 1939.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Paul of Portland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Enlarging the Duties of the Forest Commissioner.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 11, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Forest commissioner authorized to sell lands, and rights to cut timber belonging to the state. The forest commissioner, under direction of the governor and council, shall sell at public or private sale and grant rights to cut timber and grass belonging to the state and may lease camp sites on lands belonging to the state, on such terms as they direct; also the right to cut timber and grass and lease camp sites on lots reserved for public uses in any township or tract of land until the same is incorporated. Preference in such sales or leases shall be given to citizens of the state of Maine. **The forest commissioner, with the approval of the state tax assessor and of the attorney-general, may sell and convey by quit-claim deed, parcels of land in the unorganized territory of the state, title to which has been acquired by the state by the enforcement of liens or sales for unpaid taxes, on such terms and conditions as may be approved by said state tax assessor and attorney-general, both of which said officials shall join with the forest commissioner in any such conveyance.'**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 11, § 68, amended. Section 68 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof, the following:

'Whenever it shall appear to the state tax assessor, that any part of the unorganized territory of the state, including any areas previously incorporated, but which have been deorganized by act of the legislature, is in need of fire protection, the state tax assessor with the approval of the forest commissioner and the attorney-general, may declare such territory to be a part of the Maine Forestry District and include such territory in the list of lands filed with the treasurer of state, in accordance with the provisions of section 70, and compute the tax on said included territory.'