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H. P. 1469

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the School or Reserved Lands of the State.

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

Sec. 1. Duties of forest commissioner. The forest commissioner shall, before any timber is cut on any township after the passage of this act where the school or reserved lands have not been located, have such lands surveyed and located by metes and bounds as now prescribed by law, meaning 1,000 acres in each township that is 6 miles square and the same rate for each township that is more or less than 6 miles square. He shall also when locating said lands take into consideration the value of all shore lots that are suitable for camp or hotel sites and any mineral or metal deposits that are on said townships. The forest commissioner shall lease lots to suitable persons for a reasonable price for camp or hotel sites on any of the school or reserved lands but no lease shall be given for more than one year on any lots that are now leased where sporting camps or hotels are now built. But he may lease for a term not to exceed 5 years to any party that is to build valuable sporting camps or hotels and when their lease expires they shall have the preference to renew the lease for the next year. All buildings that are on any of the public or reserved lands shall become the property of the state of Maine at the expiration of the lease

or renewal thereof and it shall be so stated in each lease. No joint lease shall be made.

All money that is received from leases for camp or hotel sites shall be paid to the treasurer of the state and shall be used by the forest commissioner to survey and locate the balance of the school or reserved lands in all townships in the state that have not been locted by metes and bounds. After all public and reserved lands are located, then the money received from these leases for hotel or camp sites shall be paid to the treasurer of the state for the use of the common schools. All lands other than school or reserved lands now owned by the state and all lands that are acquired in the future shall not be sold but shall be kept and the money received from the sale of timber and grass shall be used for the benefit of the common schools of the state.

The provisions of this act shall not apply to property acquired by the state of Maine pursuant to the provisions of the Farms Lands Loan Act.

Sec. 2. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform hereof.