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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Termination of Organization of Towns or Plantations.

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

- P. L., 1937, c. 73, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 73 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 1. Power and authority of state tax assessor. Whenever the organization of any town or plantation has been terminated by act of the legislature, the powers, duties and obligations relating to the affairs of said town or plantation shall be vested in the state tax assessor, until such time as said town or plantation is reorganized. Said state tax assessor shall have the power and authority to assess taxes at any time after the act terminating the organization of the town or plantation becomes operative, by making assessment once a year for 2 years under the laws now relating to the assessment of taxes in towns by assessors, and committing the same to the treasurer of state for collection and said treasurer of state shall have the same power and authority to enforce the collection of said taxes as is now provided for the collection of state taxes so committed. Said tax assessor shall have the same power and authority which tax collectors now have to enforce the collection of said taxes in any manner now provided by law. All moneys received by virtue of said assessment

and collection as aforesaid shall be applied to the payment of necessary expenses of the state tax assessor in making such assessment and collection to the payment of any outstanding obligations of said town or plantation and for the completion of any public works of said town or plantation already begun, and when in the best judgment of said state tax assessor final payment of all known accounts against said town which has been heretofore or may be deorganized, has been made, any funds unexpended, if any exist, shall be deposited by the former town, if still in its possession, or by the treasurer of state if in his possession, with the county commissioners as an offset against future road taxes in such deorganized town, as already set forth in section 56 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes as amended. If no road maintenance as above described exists in said town, said unexpended funds shall be expended on repairs, maintenance or restoration of such town enterprise as may be designated by the state tax assessor in his capacity as hereinbefore or hereinafter described in this act.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1937, c. 73, §§ 2, 3, repealed. Sections 2 and 3 of chapter 73 of the public laws of 1937 are hereby repealed.