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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Lands Owned by the State.

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

Supervision and control of certain state lands. All lands owned by the state of Maine, the management and control of which is not otherwise provided for by law, shall be under the supervision and control of, and shall be administered by the state forest commissioner; and the said commissioner shall have full power in the control and management of the same. The commissioner shall, as soon as may be, have all such lands properly described and appraised. Whenever the commissioner shall receive an application for purchase of any of such lands, he shall have the lands covered by such application appraised, and shall report to the legislature at its next session the fact of such application and a description and appraisal report covering the lands on which the application is received. The commissioner may make recommendations to the legislature for the sale of lands or stumpage on which no applications for purchase have been received.

The commissioner shall, after approval by the legislature, sell and convey any such lands, but shall, in all cases, unless otherwise directed by the legislature, give public notice of the proposal to sell such lands and shall ask for competitive bids and shall sell to the highest bidder with the right to reject all bids.

The commissioner is authorized and directed to prosecute cases of trespass on any such lands while under his control and management. No sales of such lands or any stumpage thereon shall be made by the commissioner except by authorization of the legislature.

Nothing in this act shall be held to repeal or modify any existing statutes authorizing the forest commissioner to sell lands or rights in lands not included within the express provisions of this act.