

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 24, 1945

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Washburn of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Provide for Scientific Investigation with Blueberries.**

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

**Sec. 1. Scientific investigations; experimental blueberry farm.** The Maine agricultural experiment station shall conduct scientific investigations bearing especially upon the cultivation, harvesting, processing and marketing of blueberries, and to this end, there shall be purchased, stocked and equipped for the use and benefit of said experiment station, a suitable experimental blueberry farm, situate as the committee on selection and purchase hereinafter named shall determine.

**Sec. 2. Committee of selection and purchase.** Roy Allen of North Sedgwick; Fred C. Black of Rockland; Cole Bridges of Calais; Henry Kontio of West Rockport; Russell Mace of Aurora; George F. Marston of Jonesboro and Charles Stewart of Cherryfield are hereby made and constituted a committee of selection and purchase, and as such committee are hereby authorized, instructed and directed to select and purchase, in the name of the state of Maine, such land for an experimental blueberry farm as said committee may deem needful, necessary and appropriate for the purpose aforesaid. If there should be any vacancy in said committee caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall fill any such vacancy by appointment. The members of said committee shall not be

entitled to receive any compensation from the state for their services under the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The sum of \$25,000 shall be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of purchasing land for a farm as aforesaid, for stocking and equipping the same, erecting any and all necessary buildings on the same, making repairs on buildings and for paying the necessary expenses in running and operating such farm during the biennium ending June 30, 1947. Said committee shall have full power and authority to determine how much of said sum shall be expended and used for each of the purposes stated and named in this section.

**Sec. 4. Supervision, management and control.** The Maine agricultural experiment station shall have the general supervision, management and control of such farm, and of all experiments and investigations conducted thereon, and may, if it sees fit or deems it best, authorize any agent or agents of the United States department of agriculture to conduct experiments upon such farm, upon such terms as it deems best.

**Sec. 5. Payment of expenses.** The governor and council may, at any time in their discretion, authorize the state controller to draw warrants for the payment of any money authorized to be expended under the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 6. Reports.** The Maine agricultural experiment station shall in its reports fully state the nature of the experiments conducted on said farm and the results shown and obtained by such experiments.