

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 116**

H. P. 329

House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Payson of Portland.

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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 Relative to Quieting and Establishing of Titles Derived from  
Tax Lien Certificates.**

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

**R. S., c. 81, §§ 98-K - 98-N, additional.** Chapter 81 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 98-K to 98-N, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 98-K. Equity suit by town after period of redemption. A town which has become the purchaser of land at a sale of lands for non-payment of taxes or which as to any land has pursued the alternative method for the enforcement of liens for taxes provided in sections 97 and 98, whether in possession of such land or not, after the period of redemption from such sale or lien has elapsed, may maintain a suit in equity against any and all persons who claim or may claim some right, title or interest in the premises adverse to the estate of such town.’

‘Sec. 98-L. Service by publication if defendants unknown. If any persons named as defendants in such suit are described as being unascertained, not in being unknown or out of the state, or whose whereabouts are unknown or who cannot be actually served with process and made person-

ally amenable to the decree of the court service may be made upon them by publication or otherwise as the court may order.'

'Sec. 98-M. Decree when recorded to have effect of deed of quit-claim from defendants. The plaintiff town in such suit shall pray the court to establish and confirm its title to the premises described in the bill as against all the defendants named or described therein, and if upon hearing the court shall find the plaintiff's title so to be good it shall make and enter its decree accordingly which decree when recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district where the land lies shall have the effect of a deed of quitclaim of the premises involved in the suit from all the defendants named or described therein to the plaintiff town.'

'Sec. 98-N. Issues of fact may be tried by jury. At the trial of the cause issues of fact may be framed upon application of any party to be tried by a jury whose verdict shall have the same effect as the verdict of a jury in actions at law.'