

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Payments to Towns by State in Lieu of Taxes.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 81, § 6-A, additional.** Chapter 81 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 6-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 6-A. Payments in lieu of taxes.** The state, on or before December 1st, annually, shall make payments to the several towns in lieu of taxes on all land, except highways and isolated parcels of less than 2 acres, owned by the state and located in any town where the total acreage so owned is in excess of 100 acres. The payments shall be based on the valuation determined by multiplying the average taxable value per acre of land, exclusive of buildings, improvements or water rights, in the town by the number of acres of such state-owned land in the town. The payments shall be computed by multiplying the above determined valuation by the current local tax rate, but shall not exceed \$1 an acre and shall only be made on certification by the municipal officials prior to November 1st to the bureau of taxation, subject to approval of the state tax assessor.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. On or before Jan-

uary 1st of each year, the state shall pay to the several towns the amount of the above appropriation in proportion to the amount each town is entitled under the provisions of this act.