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House of Representatives, February 18, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Disposition of Unorganized Townships Fund.

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

R. S., c. 36, § 53, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 53 of chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘I. ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 allocated annually for the use of the commissioner in managing and improving the growth of public reserved lots; and’

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The department has adopted the management policy of marking selectively all timber that is cut from the public reserved lots in the interest of promoting better forest productivity. A similar program is now effectively used by the department on small woodlot management areas through its trained service foresters. Industrial foresters are also carrying out this practice on some large ownerships.

Because of increased demand for wood products and better market prices, there has developed a work back log on these public reserved lots of lines to be reestablished, new ones run out, and the need for timber marking some of the lots in advance of stumpage sales.

This situation presents an ever increasing problem. The \$5,000 now provided by statute has never been sufficient to keep the necessary management program up to date. An additional \$5,000, making a total of \$10,000, would be helpful in improving the condition of these public reserved lots, increased revenue and the state's interest in general. Trained foresters now in the employ of the department would carry out the field work.