

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1863.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1863.

Chapter 170.

CHAP. 170.

An act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the various cities, towns and plantations in this state have been twice required during the past year to furnish their several quotas of soldiers in answer to two calls of the president for three hundred thousand men each, and in order to obtain the men with the requisite promptness, with a proper appreciation of the great urgency and pressing necessity of the case, have found it just, humane and necessary to offer bounties and hold forth pecuniary inducements for the purpose of relieving in some measure the hardships and sacrifices incident to a sudden separation from their families, dependents and friends, and to the unavoidable interruption of business; therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. That the doings of all such cities, towns and plantations in offering and paying all such bounties and presenting pecuniary inducements, whether as respects volunteers or drafted men, and including all aid furnished to their families and dependents, all notes, drafts, orders or contracts whatsoever made by said cities, towns and plantations, or their municipal officers or by any person or persons acting in pursuance of a previous vote of said cities through their proper and usual boards of aldermen and council towns or plantations, all taxes assessed or hereafter assessed to raise money for any of the purposes mentioned in this act, or to meet any pecuniary liability arising out of any of the aforesaid doings, are hereby made valid in as full and ample manner as though all the proceedings had been previously authorized by law.

Doings of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties to volunteers made valid.

SECT. 2. In all cases where any municipal officers or other persons have advanced money, hired money or assumed any liability for any of the aforesaid purposes without any previous vote of the city, town or plantation, for the raising of whose quota it was done, such cities, towns and plantations are hereby authorized to assume and pay the same and fully indemnify said officers or other persons.

Authorized to assume and pay all hired monies used to pay bounties.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 21, 1863.