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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PASSED BY THE

FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1866.

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Chapter 59.

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

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

Acts and doings of cities, towns, &c., in raising moneys for bounties made valid.

SECT. 1. The past acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations, in offering, paying and contracting to pay, and in raising and providing the means to pay bounties to, or for volunteers, drafted men, or substitutes of drafted or enrolled men, mustered into, or enlisted for, the military or naval service of the United States, are hereby made valid.

Contracts of municipal officers with volunteers for bounties, and contracts with parties, corporations, &c., for means to pay same made valid.

SECT. 2. All contracts heretofore made by the duly authorized municipal officers of any city, town or plantation, with any volunteer, drafted man, or substitute, for the payment of any bounty voted by such city, town or plantation, and all contracts heretofore made by said officers, or their duly authorized agents, with third persons, corporations, or associations, for the purpose of providing the means to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men, or substitutes, are hereby made valid.

Unauthorized contracts made by municipal officers may be ratified by voters of cities, towns, &c., at legal meetings held therefor.

SECT. 3. All contracts heretofore made by such municipal officers, or by third persons, in behalf of any city, town or plantation, but without previous authority therefor, to pay bounties to or for volunteers, drafted men, or substitutes, actually in, or enlisted for the military or naval service of the United States, may be ratified, confirmed and made valid by any city, town or plantation at any legal meeting thereof, an article being expressly inserted in the warrant calling such meeting, that such matter will be presented for the action of such city, town or plantation.

Not to be construed as making valid acts of cities, towns, &c., in voting bounties to drafted men not mustered into service or furnishing substitute.

SECT. 4. This act shall not be understood, or construed, as making valid the vote of any city, town or plantation to raise money to be paid by way of commutation, to relieve or discharge any person drafted, or liable to be drafted, into the military service of the United States, under, or by authority of any act of Congress, when such person has neither been mustered into said service nor furnished a substitute.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved February 23, 1866.