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Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required to carry out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 2, §§ 92, 93, 94 and 95; 1917, c. 240; relating to budget estimates to be filed with state auditor to be transmitted to governor and council and laid before legislature, repealed. Sections ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four and ninety-five of chapter two of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 103.

An Act to Amend Section Eighty-six of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Returns from Towns Showing Expenditure for High School Tuition.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 86; relating to returns to state superintendent of schools of expenditure for tuition, amended. Section eighty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "superintending school committee" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'superintendent of schools', so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 86. Return to be made by superintendent instead of school committee.** When any town shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition as aforesaid, the superintendent of schools of such town shall make a return under oath to the state superintendent of public schools before the first day of September for the preceding school year, stating the name of each youth, for whom tuition has been paid, the amount paid for each, and the name and location of the school which each has attended, and thereupon shall be paid, annually in the month of December, from the state treasury out of the appropriation for the support of free high schools, to each town paying tuition and making return as aforesaid, a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount thus paid by such town, not exceeding five hundred dollars.'

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 104.

An Act to Amend Section Sixty-one of Chapter Eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Maine Forestry District Tax.

Preamble. Whereas, the forests situated mainly in the plantation and unorganized townships are one of the chief sources of wealth of the state, and the protection of such forests from destruction by fire is of the great-

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est importance; to this end it is a paramount duty of this legislature to have funds provided without delay for such protection. Delay in the providing of such funds would expose such forests to danger of destruction by fires, preventable by adequate precautions. In the judgment of this legislature, the facts expressed in the above preamble constitute an emergency, and the measure hereinafter set forth is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 8, § 61; relating to annual tax assessed on lands in Maine forestry district, for protection of same, amended. Section sixty-one of chapter eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one and one-half mills" in the first line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'one and three-quarters mills', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 61. Rate increased to one and three-quarters mills. An annual tax of one and three-quarters mills on the dollar is hereby assessed upon all the property in said district, including rights in public lots, to be used for the protection thereof. Said tax shall be due and payable at the date of the assessment of the state tax, in the years when the legislature is in session, and for other years it shall be due and payable in one year after the date of such assessment. The valuation as determined by the board of state assessors, and set forth in the statement filed by them as provided in section eleven of chapter nine, shall be the basis for the computation and apportionment of the tax hereby assessed. The tax hereby assessed shall be valid, and all remedies herein provided shall be in full force if said property is described with reasonable accuracy, whether the ownership thereof is correctly stated or not.'

Sec. 2. Emergency. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 105.

An Act to Amend Paragraph Nine of Section Six of Chapter Ten of the Revised Statutes, in Reference to the Assessment of Taxes on the Estates of Soldiers and Sailors.

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

R. S., c. 10, § 6, ¶ IX; relating to exemption from taxation of polls and estates of certain persons, amended. Paragraph nine of section six, of chapter ten, of the revised statutes is hereby amended as follows: By inserting after the word "service" in the sixth line of said paragraph nine, the following: 'and the estates of all soldiers and sailors who served in