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as provided in section one, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the revised statutes. Provided, however, that such officers shall not be entitled to fees for any services rendered in criminal matters while acting as per diem officers.'

Approved April 4, 1929.

Chapter 188.

An Act Relating to the Apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies.

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

R. S., c. 34, sec. 18; P. L., 1927, c. 126; relating to apportionment of state aid to agricultural societies, further amended. Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven is hereby further amended by striking out in the third line thereof the words "three and one-half" and inserting in place thereof the word 'four'; and by striking out in the forty-second line thereof the words "twenty-five hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand,' and also by striking out in the fifty-sixth line thereof the words "one year" and inserting in place thereof the words 'three years'; so that said section eighteen as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 18. Appropriation increased; tuberculin tested cattle. There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed four cents per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter in this act designated as the stipend. This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies, and fair associations of the state, hereafter in this act designated as societies, according to the following schedule and method. Two thousand dollars shall be paid annually to the Maine Pomological Society and the balance of said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent by said societies upon livestock and agricultural and domestic products, but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this act or otherwise shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the commissioner of agriculture hereinafter known as the commissioner, as a basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in section seven of this chapter. Each society claiming a share of the state stipend under this act shall file with the commissioner not later than December thirty-first of the year for which said stipend is requested, a state-

ment made under oath, by its treasurer setting forth the financial condition and transactions of the society, the amounts paid in premiums in the several classes or displays herein provided for, and such additional information relative to the character of displays, and the conduct of exhibitions as the commissioner may request, and upon blanks to be furnished by him. No premiums or gratuities shall be considered by the said commissioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any society is entitled except those offered and paid upon livestock, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, livestock products, home canned foods, orange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club exhibits, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm home, and pulling contests by horses and oxen, and in no case shall the amount allowed on account of premiums paid in said class of domestic and fancy articles exceed the total amount allowed as premiums upon vegetables, grain, fruits and flowers. No society, the Maine Pomological Society excepted, shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least four hundred dollars. No society shall receive any portion of the stipend in excess of three thousand dollars. No society shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition grounds not less than one hundred separate and distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner or his regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be common or standard to the county in which such exhibition is held. The stipend may, however, be paid to such agricultural society or societies as may display a lesser number of exhibits of vegetables, fruits or dairy products, than as hereinbefore required, provided the commissioner shall certify that in his opinion such society or societies have been unable for good and sufficient reasons to secure such required number of exhibits. No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall require all cattle exhibited or allowed upon its grounds at exhibition time, to be tuberculin tested within three years previous to the date of its exhibition and declared free from tuberculosis by a veterinarian approved by the commissioner. Each and all societies receiving aid from the state under this act shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over which they have control, and not allow immoral shows, gambling in any form, or games of chance on said grounds. Neglect or failure on the part of any society to observe any of the foregoing requirements shall be deemed sufficient cause for withholding such society's share of the stipend and the commissioner is required and directed to authorize

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payment of stipend only to such societies as have observed all of the said requirements.'

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Chapter 189.

An Act with Reference to the Permanent Funds of the State.

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

Sec. 1. "State Trust Fund" created. The state auditor and state treasurer shall open on their books an account to be known as the "State Trust Fund." Said fund shall consist of and there shall be credited thereto on the first day of July in each year, the balance in excess of one million dollars which has been paid into the state treasury from inheritance taxes during the fiscal year ending June thirty, prior thereto.

Sec. 2. Distribution of funds by state auditor; investment of funds. The state treasurer shall as soon as practicable subsequent to July first in each year, transfer the funds in said State Trust Fund to the several trust funds of the state which were created or originated prior to the time when chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three took effect and which are not now represented by assets specifically segregated in the state treasury. The order and amount of distribution of such state trust funds between the several trust funds hereinbefore referred to shall be determined by the state auditor subject to the approval of the governor and council. The state treasurer shall, as soon as practicable after such segregation, invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, as amended, and thereafter preserve the identity of such separate trusts.

Sec. 3. Limitations of act. The provisions of this act shall not extend to the fund arising from the lands reserved for public uses, which shall continue to be used for the purposes set forth in chapter three hundred and three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 5, 1929.

Chapter 190.

An Act Relating to the Temporary Closing of Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 2; as amended; relating to suspending the operation of