

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 11.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations, in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

[As amended.]

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

SECTION 1. The past acts and doings of cities, towns  
2 and plantations in offering, paying, agreeing to pay,  
3 and in raising and providing the means to pay bounties  
4 to, and all notes and town orders given by the municipi-  
5 pal officers of any city, town, or plantation in pursu-  
6 ance of a previous vote, for the benefit of volunteers,.

7 drafted men, or substitutes of drafted or enrolled men,  
8 who have been or shall hereafter be actually mustered  
9 into the military or naval service of the United States,  
10 are hereby made valid.

SECT. 2. All contracts heretofore made by the mu-  
2 nicipal officers of any city, town or plantation, that  
3 has voted to raise bounties, with any volunteer, drafted  
4 man or substitute, for the payment of the bounty thus  
5 voted, and all contracts heretofore made by said officers  
6 or their duly authorized agents, with third persons,  
7 corporations or associations, for the purpose of raising  
8 means to pay such bounties so voted, are hereby made  
9 valid.

SECT. 3. All contracts heretofore made by such mu-  
2 nicipal officers, or by third persons, in behalf of any  
3 city, town or plantation, but without previous author-  
4 ity therefor, to pay bounties to such volunteers, drafted  
5 men or substitutes, or to raise money to pay such  
6 bounties where such volunteers, drafted men or substi-  
7 tutes have been or hereafter shall be actually mustered  
8 into the military or naval service of the United States,  
9 may be ratified or confirmed by said city, town or  
10 plantation.

SECT. 4. All votes of cities, towns or plantations to  
2 pay expenses of recruiting for their several quotas, and

3 all contracts heretofore made in pursuance of such  
4 votes, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 5. All taxes that have been assessed to raise  
2 funds to pay bounties, or to fulfil contracts for the ob-  
3 jects named in this act, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 6. Authority is hereby conferred upon cities,  
2 towns and plantations to offer, pay and agree to pay  
3 bounties to volunteers, drafted men or substitutes re-  
4 quired to fill their quotas, under any call for soldiers  
5 by the president or government of the United States  
6 heretofore made where such volunteers, drafted men  
7 or substitutes have been or shall hereafter be actually  
8 mustered into the military or naval service of the  
9 United States, and to assume and pay to persons or  
10 associations, where they have advanced the bounty, or  
11 have by private subscription given a bounty, to such  
12 volunteer, drafted man or substitute; *provided*, that  
13 no bounty shall be paid from the treasury of the state  
14 to any person enlisted or drafted and mustered into  
15 the service of the United States prior to the second  
16 day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,  
17 except upon his subsequent re-enlistment and muster  
18 into such service; *and provided further*, that nothing  
19 in this act shall authorize the municipal officers of any

20 city, town or plantation to pay any man more than  
21 shall have been actually paid for his substitute.

SECT. 7. Any city, town or plantation having voted,  
2 or that shall so vote, may fund the debt incurred in  
3 raising means to pay the bounties and expenses author-  
4 ized by this act or any prior act of the legislature, and  
5 may issue bonds therefor, with coupons attached, for  
6 interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per an-  
7 num, payable semi-annually, said bonds redeemable  
8 any time within twenty years from the date of their  
9 issue ; such bonds to be signed by the mayor and  
10 treasurer of cities ; the treasurer and selectmen or  
11 major part thereof of towns ; the treasurer and assess-  
12 ors or major part thereof of plantations. The treas-  
13 urer's signature only to the coupons shall be required.

SECT. 8. The treasurers of the several cities and  
2 towns of this state shall, on or before the first day of  
3 November next, return to the governor and council a  
4 statement of the financial condition of their respective  
5 cities and towns, as it exists on the first day of October  
6 next, which return shall exhibit the aggregate indebt-  
7 edness, the years when and the purposes for which it  
8 was created, the rates of interest paid, and the time  
9 when it falls due ; together with an estimate of the

10 real and personal property owned by said city or town ;  
11 and the governor and council shall examine such re-  
12 turns, and report the same or an abstract thereof to  
13 the next session of the legislature.

SECT. 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed as  
2 making valid so much of any contract herein referred  
3 to as shall be usurious by existing laws.

SECT. 10. No bounty shall be paid from the state  
2 treasury to any volunteer, drafted man or substitute  
3 enlisted or drafted since the second day of February,  
4 eighteen hundred and sixty-four, excepting upon calls  
5 for troops already made by the president or government  
6 of the United States.

SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 by the governor.

## AMENDMENTS.

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Senate amendment T, in which House non-concurs.

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Amend by striking out the tenth section.

*House amendment W.*

Amend section sixth by inserting at the commencement of the thirteenth line :

“No town, city or plantation is authorized by the  
2 provisions of this act to hereafter offer, pay or agree to  
3 pay as bounty for any volunteer, drafted man or sub-  
4 stitute, a sum exceeding three hundred dollars for the  
5 first year the person so enlisted or drafted shall be  
6 mustered for, and one hundred dollars for each addi-  
7 tional year ; *and provided further, that—*”

*House amendment X.*

Amend section sixth, eighteenth line, by inserting after the word “service” :

“Nor shall any bounty be paid by any town, city or  
2 plantation for the assignment to such town, city or



3 plantation of any person heretofore enlisted or drafted  
4 and mustered into the service of the United States,  
5 except on subsequent re-enlistment, where such en-  
6 listed or drafted man has been or may be credited to  
7 to the state without the payment of such bounty.”

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 11, 1865.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY, and 350 copies of the bill as amended, together with the proposed amendments, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*