

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 194.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

Whereas, an act was passed by the Legislature
2 of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, being "An
3 Act entitled 'An Act for the equalization of muni-
4 cipal war debts, and a limited assumption thereof
5 by the State;'" and

Whereas, the State, by virtue of said act, has
7 paid a large amount of money to the various
8 towns and plantations; and

Whereas, there are many men in the State who
10 enlisted in defence of the nation, many who were
11 drafted—some of whom went into the army, some
12 furnished substitutes, and some paid commuta-
13 tions of three hundred dollars each, under the
14 options of the draft act, many of whom claim that

15 they have been subjected to unjust burdens under
16 the operations of the draft act, and hitherto have
17 not been fairly and equitably compensated for the
18 same; and

Whereas, it has always been the policy of the
20 State of Maine to deal, not only with exact
21 equality, but liberally with all of her citizens who
22 in trying times have stood by her and obeyed the
23 laws; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Governor and Council shall
2 appoint a commission of three persons of ability,
3 who shall be qualified by oath before the Governor
4 and Council, who shall investigate the claims of
5 all volunteers and drafted men, under the call of
6 the President of the United States, July second,
7 eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and all subsequent
8 calls, and report in writing to the Governor and
9 Council within eighteen months.

SECT. 2. Said report shall be printed, and shall
2 be by the Governor and Council laid before the
3 next Legislature for such action as shall by said
4 Legislature be deemed just and equitable.

SECT. 3. Said commissioners shall give such
2 notice of the times and places of their meetings
3 as shall be by them deemed sufficient, and shall

4 keep a correct record of the names and residences
5 of all making any claim under this act, and the
6 amount and nature of the same.

SECT. 4. To defray the expenses incurred in
2 the execution of this act, the Governor is hereby
3 authorized and directed to draw his warrant from
4 time to time for said expenditures, *provided* they
5 are audited and allowed by the Governor and
6 Council.

STATE OF MAINE.

**IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 23, 1895. }**

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.