

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 227

In Senate, March 17, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Deering from Committee on Judiciary and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Deering of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, Appointing a Committee to Revise, Collate, Ar-
range and Consolidate the Collateral Inheritance Taxes and
Probate Laws of the State of Maine.

Resolved: That within sixty days after this resolve shall
2 take effect a committee of the legislature be appointed by
3 the governor, by and with the consent of the council, con-
4 sisting of two members of the Senate and three members
5 of the House of Representatives, whose duty it shall be
6 to revise, collate, arrange and consolidate all the general
7 and public laws now in force, and such as shall be en-
8 acted at the present session of the legislature, which re-
9 late to the assessment and collection of collateral inherit-

10 ance taxes; also all laws relating to the powers and duties
11 of probate courts, executors and administrators, and the
12 succession of estates, which are now in force, or such as
13 shall be enacted by the present session of the legislature,
14 preserving and retaining the phraseology thereof, except so
15 far as may be necessary to vary it by incorporating the
16 existing laws therewith; and such laws thus revised, col-
17 lated, arranged, consolidated as aforesaid shall be embodied
18 in a report which shall be made to the next legislature, to-
19 gether with suggestions for amendments thereof and addi-
20 tions thereto and such recommendations for new legisla-
21 tion which the committee deems advisable; and the com-
22 mittee shall also embody in its report such contradictions,
23 omissions, repetitions and imperfections as appear in the
24 laws relating to the subjects above mentioned, and the man-
25 ner in which the same may be best reconciled, supplied,
26 amended and corrected.

Sect. 2. The said committee immediately upon being ap-
2 pointed and qualified, shall make arrangements to hold at
3 least one meeting in each county, either at the county seat
4 or at the place or places where the probate courts are now
5 held for the purpose of receiving testimony and recommen-
6 dations from the judges and registers of the various probate
7 courts. The committee is also hereby authorized to sum-
8 mon any other witnesses which it, in its judgment, may
9 deem necessary to promote the objects for which said com-
10 mittee is appointed. The committee may also employ such

11 clerks and stenographers as may be necessary for the pur-
12 pose of assisting it in its work.

Sect. 3. The governor and council is hereby authorized
2 to fix the compensation of the members of said committee,
3 at a rate not exceeding ten dollars a day when actually
4 engaged upon the work provided herein. Actual travel-
5 ing expenses of the members of the committee and its em-
6 ployees shall be paid upon proper vouchers therefor. The
7 committee may recommend to the governor and council
8 suitable compensation to be paid to its clerks and stenog-
9 raphers.

Sect. 4. That there be hereby appropriated out of any
2 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum
3 of ten thousand dollars for the purposes above specified,
4 to be expended by the governor and council, in such amounts
5 and at such times as the governor and council may ap-
6 prove.