

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 344.**Chapter 344.**

Resolve authorizing the county of Kennebec to procure a loan.

Loan for county
of Kennebec.

Interest on loan
to be paid annu-
ally.

Principal, when
paid.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the county of Kennebec is hereby authorized to procure a loan on the faith and responsibility of said county a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, for the purpose of discharging the liabilities of said county in repairing its county buildings. The interest on said sum to be paid annually and the principal to be reimbursed by said county at such time or times as the county commissioners may agree upon, *provided* the whole sum shall be paid within six years, and the said treasurer is hereby authorized to give his promissory note or notes therefor as county treasurer for and in behalf of said county payable in the manner aforesaid.

[*Approved May 28, 1851.*]

Chapter 345.

Resolve laying a state tax on the several counties of the state herein named, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

County tax.

Resolved, That the sums annexed to the counties contained in the following schedule, are hereby granted as a tax for each county respectively, to be appropriated, assessed, collected and applied for the purpose of paying the debts and necessary expenses of the same, and other purposes ordered by law, to wit:

Washington.

Washington, six thousand five hundred dollars;

Kennebec.

Kennebec, nineteen thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars;

Piscataquis.

Piscataquis, four thousand dollars;

Oxford.

Oxford, seven thousand five hundred dollars;

Somerset.

Somerset, seven thousand dollars;

Lincoln.

Lincoln, twenty-eight thousand dollars.

[*Approved May 28, 1851.*]

Chapter 346.

Resolve for the distribution of the annual school fund.

School fund—
treasurer author-
ized to apportion
and distribute.

Resolved, That the treasurer of state is hereby authorized and directed to apportion and distribute the annual school fund among the several cities, towns and plantations, according to

the returns of the number of scholars, for eighteen hundred and fifty, received at the office of the secretary of state, and including all such returns as may have been received prior to the fifteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one; subject however to the following conditions and exceptions; in any case where the returns are not subscribed and sworn to by one or more of the superintending school committee, or where the returns do not purport to state the whole number of persons between the ages of four and twenty-one years, or where no returns for eighteen hundred and fifty shall have been received by the secretary of state, prior to the said fifteenth day of May, in such cases the basis of apportionment shall be the same as that assumed for the same places last year; and in any plantation where a superintending school committee is not elected, the assessors or clerk of such plantation shall be authorized to make said returns, any thing in the act additional in relation to public schools, approved July thirty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to the contrary notwithstanding: *provided*, that in making the apportionment for towns that have been divided since they made their last returns, the treasurer be authorized to deduct from the number of scholars so many as have been received from the new town set off therefrom; and *provided further*, that the treasurer is directed to withhold the distribution of said fund from any place that shall have neglected to make said returns, prior to the fifteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, until said returns shall be made to the secretary of state; and provided further, that such payment shall be withheld in all cases where cities, towns and plantations have not paid their proportion of the state tax of eighteen hundred and fifty, or an amount thereof equal to the portion of the school fund which may be assigned to such city, town or plantation.

Exceptions.

Proviso.

Treasurer to withhold distribution in certain cases.

[Approved May 29, 1851.]

Chapter 347.

Resolves declaratory of an amendment to the constitution.

Resolved, The senate and house of representatives concurring, that whereas it appears, upon the examination of the report of the executive council, in relation to the resolves passed August twenty-first, eighteen hundred fifty, entitled "resolves providing for an amendment to the constitution in relation to

Amendment to constitution.