

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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hegan, the report of whom, or a major part of whom, to be made as soon as may be, judgment thereon to be final; with such further stipulations, as, in his judgment may be expedient or advisable to protect the interests of the state.

Resolved, That the attorney general is hereby authorized to employ such assistants, as he may judge to be necessary, to obtain evidence and prepare said action for trial; the expenses whereof, when the same have been audited by the governor and council, shall be paid out of the treasurer of state on the governor's warrant; and this resolve shall take effect when approved.

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Attorney general
may employ
assistants.Expenses, how
paid.

Approved February 19, 1869.

Chapter 22.

Resolves to provide for state valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized, with the advice and consent of the council, to appoint a commission, to consist of seven persons, one from each councillor district, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the state, with an enumeration of all the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for state purposes for the ensuing decade commencing with the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Commissioners,
appointment of.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus chosen, shall hold their first session at the capitol in Augusta, on the tenth day of October next, first giving public and sufficient notice of the time and place of said meeting, requiring the assessors or some one of them of each city, town and plantation to appear personally with, or to transmit to them on said day their several tax and valuation lists, and lists of taxable polls of their several cities, towns and plantations for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and also such lists for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine affixing said estates and property of whatever kind enumerated and set forth therein, the full, fair cash value thereof, as required by law, which lists shall be made out and verified under oath. And at any meeting of said board of commissioners, regularly and properly notified, a majority of the members thereof shall constitute a quorum, and said commissioners may appoint a chairman from their own number to preside over the sittings of the board, and also may choose a clerk, to keep a fair record of its proceedings.

Session, when
and where
to be holden,
notice of.

Quorum.

May appoint a
chairman and
clerk.

Resolved, That if from any city, town or plantation no member of the board of assessors shall appear at the time and place fixed in the public notice by the commissioners, or transmit the lists

If assessors fail
to appear, &c.

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named in the preceding resolve, the said commissioners may, in their discretion, proceed to doom such city, town or plantation to the payment of such proportion and amount of the state tax as they shall deem just and equitable, both on the valuation and poll lists.

Commissioners to prepare lists of cities and towns, &c.

Resolved, That said board of commissioners shall prepare full and accurate lists of all the cities, towns and plantations wherein the valuation shall be equalized throughout the state, in such manner that taxation for state purposes founded thereon for the next decade, shall be just and equal as nearly as may be throughout the state. And said commissioners shall complete their lists of valuation on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, and when completed they shall be forthwith delivered by the chairman of the commissioners to the state treasurer, who shall safely keep them, subject to the order of the next legislature.

When to be completed and delivered.

Land agent to prepare and deliver to commissioners lists of all townships, &c.

Resolved, That the land agent be required to prepare and deliver to said board of commissioners, full and accurate lists of all townships, parts of townships, blocks, and lots of wild lands in the state which have been sold by the state, and which have not yet been included in the tax lists of the state; and the lists so prepared shall state the fair valuation of all lands described or stated therein. And these lists shall contain a statement of all lands which have been actually sold as aforesaid, whether deeds of conveyance have passed or not. Also a statement of all lands on which the timber has been sold or right to cut timber granted for any number of years, which right to cut timber, leases and all other interest therein shall be appraised at their just value.

—to state the fair valuation.

—to contain a statement of lands sold, &c.

First meeting.

Resolved, That the first meeting of the board of commissioners for purposes of organization, shall be held at the office of the state treasurer, at Augusta, on the tenth day of October, and notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be sent by mail by the treasurer to each of the commissioners at least one week before the day of meeting.

Compensation.

Resolved, That as a full compensation for services rendered in the execution of their duty, said commissioners and clerk shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the state five dollars per day each, while actually engaged in the duties of the commission, and the same travel allowed to a representative. And the governor, after examination and approval by the council of the accounts of said commissioners and their clerk, for services and travel as aforesaid, shall be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer in payment of the same.

Blanks, secretary of state to prepare and furnish.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation the neces-

sary blanks to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing CHAP. 23.
resolves.

Approved February 19, 1869.

Chapter 23.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in aid of building a bridge over Dead river at Flagstaff, in the county of Somerset; *provided* said bridge shall be completed to the satisfaction of the land agent, before said sum shall be paid by the state. Bridge over Dead river.

Approved February 22, 1869.

Chapter 24.

Resolve in favor of Levi B. Ricker.

Resolved, That the land agent be and he is hereby authorized and directed to convey to Levi B. Ricker, lot of land numbered twenty-three in township six, range five, in the county of Aroostook, on payment of three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as has not been paid by said Ricker. Levi B. Ricker, in favor of.

Approved February 22, 1869.

Chapter 25.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to obtain proposals for the purchase of proprietor's lands in the plantations of Madawaska, Dionne and D'Aigle, for settlement.

Resolved, That the land agent be and hereby is authorized and directed to confer with the proprietors or owners of lands, suitable for settlement, in the plantations of Madawaska, Dionne and D'Aigle, and obtain proposals for conveying the same to the state, and to report the same in his next annual report. Lands in Madawaska.

Approved February 22, 1869.