

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 150.**CHAP. 150.**

Resolve abating State Tax on Township Number Four, Range Five, North of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase, in Somerset county.

Resolved, That the treasurer of State is hereby authorized and directed to abate the State tax assessed upon township number four, range five, in the county of Somerset, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-six and eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, amounting to the sum of twenty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, said township having been included in the State valuation while the title was in the State.

State tax on
Township No.
4, R. 5, Somer-
set county
abated.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 151.

Resolutions concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine.

Resolved, That the following amendment to the constitution of this state be proposed for the action of the legal voters of this state in the manner provided by the constitution, to wit:

Constitutional
amendments
proposed.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

The governor, senators and representatives in the legislature, shall be elected biennially, and hold office two years from the first Wednesday in January next succeeding their election; and the legislature, at the first session next after the adoption of this article, shall make all needful provisions by law concerning the tenure of office of all county officers, and concerning the annual or biennial reports of the state treasurer and other state officers and institutions; and shall make all such provisions by law as may be required in consequence of the change from annual to biennial elections, and from annual to biennial sessions of the legislature. The first election under this Article shall be in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty; and the first meeting of the legislature under this article shall be on the first Wednesday of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Biennial elec-
tions and ses-
sions.

Provisions to
be made.

Section four, article two; section five, part one, article four; section four, part two, article four; section one, part three, article four; section thirteen, part one, article five; section two, part two, article five; section one, part three, article five; section one, part four, article five; section four, part four, article five; section three, article seven; section four, article nine, and section eleven, article nine, are amended, by substituting the word 'biennial' for the word "annual" wherever it occurs. ♦

"Biennial"
substituted for
"annual."

Section two, part one, article five, is amended, by striking out all after the word "office" and substituting therefor the following

Sec. 2, part 1,
art. 5, amended.

CHAP. 152. words: 'for two years from the first Wednesday of January next following the election.' 'Section seven, article six, and section two, article ten, are hereby amended by striking out the word "annual" and insert in place thereof the word "biennial."

Notice by aldermen, selectmen and assessors to be given.

How vote shall be taken.

Ballots received, sorted and counted.

Returns made.

Secretary of state to furnish blank returns.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of the several plantations of this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolution; and the question shall be, 'shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution of the legislature, providing for biennial sessions of the legislature; and that the governor and other state officers shall be elected on the second Monday of September biennially; and the inhabitants of the said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word Yes, upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment expressing it by the word No, upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists shall be made out of the votes by the aldermen, selectmen, assessors and clerks of the several wards, towns and plantations, and returned to the office of the secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for senators; and the governor and council shall count the same and make return thereof to the next legislature; and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns, in conformity to the resolves, accompanied with a copy of these resolves.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 152.

Resolve to provide for blanks for State Valuation.

Secretary of state to furnish blanks for state valuation.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation, on or before the first day of May next, the necessary blanks to carry into effect 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 eighty.

Approved March 4, 1879.