

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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CHAP. 160 eighteen hundred and eighty, shall determine the election of Governor for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-one and two.

Proposed amendment to be submitted to a vote of the people.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations, in the state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants 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 resolve; and the question shall be, "shall the constitution be amended so as to provide for the election of Governor by a plurality, instead of a majority." And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment voting "yes", and those opposed voting "no", upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting; and fair lists of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations, and signed by them, and attested by the clerks, and returned to the office of the Secretary of State within thirty days after the election. And the Governor and Council shall open, examine and count the same immediately after the expiration of said thirty days; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in favor of said amendment, it shall then be a part of the constitution, and the Governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation.

Ballots, form, how received and returned.

Lists, opened and examined.

Governor to make proclamation, if adopted.

Secretary of state to provide blanks.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns, in conformity with the foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Approved January 27, 1880.

Chapter 160.

Resolve in reference to new State Seal.

New state seal adopted.

Resolved, That the new state seal, procured by the secretary of state, under authority of the joint resolution passed on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and eighty, be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and that the same shall become, and be, the seal of this state. CHAP. 161

Approved February 6, 1880.

Chapter 161.

Resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-three dollars and twenty cents with interest thereon, from November twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be appropriated and paid to John Anderson of Island Falls, being for stumpage of timber cut on his lot and received by the State. John Anderson,
in favor of.

Approved February 9, 1880.

Chapter 162.

Resolves to provide for a State Valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized to immediately appoint a commission of sixteen persons, one of whom shall be taken from each of the counties in the state, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the estates, and an enumeration of the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for state purposes, and to report the same to this legislature; *provided*, such valuation shall be completed during its present session, or an adjournment thereof, otherwise to report to the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-one. Valuation
commission
authorized.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus appointed shall hold their first session at the capitol at Augusta, immediately after their appointment, and shall proceed without delay to prepare said valuation, and shall sit at the same place without adjournment for more than two days at one time until the preparation of said valuation is completed, or until the final adjournment of this legislature. In case the report of this commission cannot be completed before said final adjournment, the same shall be made to the next legislature on the First session,
where held and
continuation.

Report, when to
be made.