

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1853.

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# THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 22.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-THREE.

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AN ACT additional concerning town meetings, and the  
assessment of taxes.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The ninth section of the fifth chapter of  
2 the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking  
3 out the words " or April," so as to provide that the  
4 annual meeting for the choice of town officers shall  
5 be held in the month of March annually.

SECT. 2. Sections sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth,  
2 of an act entitled an act concerning the assessment

3 of taxes, approved April fifth, eighteen hundred and  
4 forty-five, being chapter one hundred and fifty-  
5 nine of the laws of said year, are hereby amended  
6 by striking out the word "May," wherever it  
7 occurs, and inserting instead thereof the word  
8 "April," so as to provide that the poll tax shall  
9 be assessed upon each taxable person, in the place  
10 where he shall be an inhabitant, on the first day of  
11 April, and that real estate shall be assessed to the  
12 person who shall be the owner or in possession  
13 thereof, on the first day of April in each year, and  
14 that personal property shall be assessed to the owner,  
15 in the place where he shall be an inhabitant, on the  
16 first day of April in each year.

SECT. 3. Section sixty-three of chapter twenty-  
2 five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the words "first day of May" and insert-  
4 ing instead thereof the words "tenth day of April,"  
5 so as to provide that the selectmen of every town,  
6 before the tenth day of April, annually, shall, in  
7 writing, assign to each surveyor of highways his  
8 divisions and limits, which assignment he is hereby  
9 required to observe.

SECT. 4. Section sixty-five of chapter twenty-five  
2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking  
3 out the words "on or before the first day of June,"  
4 and inserting instead thereof the words "on or be-  
5 fore the tenth day of May," so as to provide that the  
6 several duties imposed upon the assessors of towns,  
7 in said section, shall be performed on or before the  
8 tenth day of May in each year.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after the first day of January, eighteen hun-  
3 dred and fifty-four.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March. 17, 1853.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Bill, reported by the Committee on Agriculture, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A. B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*